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Ramey Denounced By CIO Council

Ask Taft and Burton To Sustain FDR Tax Veto

A resolution containing a scathing denunciation of United States Representative Homer A. Ramey, calling him "the enemy of labor" was unanimously passed by the Toledo Industrial Union Council at its Feb. 24 meeting.

Stating that Congressman Ramey was elected in 1942 to represent "all the people of the 9th congressional district, including those who work for a living, the resolution stated that the congressman had compiled a bad voting record, had opposed the soldier's vote bill and subsidies, and had failed to heed the workers pleas to support favorable labor legislation.

Opposed In District

Not only does the resolution call for opposing Mr. Ramey in Toledo; but asks all Local unions in the 9th congressional district join forces with Toledo CIO Local unions in working for the defeat of the incumbent.

Mr. Ramey was given the endorsement of the Republican executive committee Feb. 23.

Unanimous approval was given a motion to send wires to Senators Robert A. Taft and Harold Burton asking them to sustain the presidential veto of the tax bill. Little hope was held out for such action on the part of the two senators; but the Council expressed the belief that it should go on record as asking, and put the senators on record if they vote to override the veto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Robert A. Taft and Harold Burton of Ohio, both voted with the majority of the Senate to override the President's veto of the new tax bill.

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Returns

Kenneth Cole

Migratory Workers Need USES Reference

Ralph O. Snyder, Toledo, acting area director for the War Manpower Commission, reminded all employers, essential or otherwise, today they could hire in-migrants only if these workers were referred to them by the Toledo field office of the United States Employment Service.

"This is in conformance with hiring provisions of the Toledo employment stabilization plan," Mr. Snyder asserted, "and is part of a state-wide program to minimize pointless migration of a segment of Ohio's labor force from one city to another."

"It is our experience there are hundreds of Ohioans taking advantage of war-time job opportunities to 'see Ohio first.' Every day we hear of individuals coming into Toledo attempting to secure jobs and in a matter of a few weeks these same ones are applying for inter-area certificates of availability, as they prepare to continue their sight-seeing," Mr. Snyder added.

"Floating between labor shortage areas is a principal source of labor turn-over and a waste of time and transportation facilities. It is often wasteful to the employer, to the individual and his family. We propose doing something about it here in Toledo," Mr. Snyder concluded.

URW WANTS STABILIZATION

CLEVELAND (FP)—A 12c hourly wage increase to preserve the balance between wages and cost of living was demanded by 180 delegates to a special wage conference held by the United Rubbers Workers)CIO(.

Lavelle Goes To Army

COLUMBUS, Feb. 25—William Lavelle secretary-treasurer of the Ohio CIO Council was inducted into the army yesterday.

Mr. Lavelle, a member of the Steel Workers, CIO was elected to replace Ted Silvey during the Ohio CIO convention held in this city last November. He has served but three months in his present position. Prior to his election, he was counsel for the Ohio CIO and a member of the War Labor Board representing labor.

George DeNucci, executive secretary of the Columbus Industrial Union Council has been appointed to serve in the state office until the next meeting of the Ohio CIO executive board when an appointment will be made permenent in accord with the state CIO constitution.

Mr. DeNucci is well known in state CIO circles and is a veteran member of the organization.

Labor Seeks Black Market Ordinance

Members of the OPA labor advisory committee at their Wednesday morning meeting with district OPA heads voted general approval of the Black Market city ordinance which will be presented to council on next Wednesday morning.

Opponents of the ordinance who appeared recently in council representing "small businessmen" and the small home owners' association, were severely criticized and termed minority groups "working in opposition to the consuming public."

CONTRASTS MADE

It was pointed out by the labor spokesmen that while the opponents of the ordinance represented a few hundred people that labor represents approximately 70,000 workers and their families in Toledo.

Edward Duck, CIO member of the advisory committee commenting on the opposition given the black market ordinance said, "the representative of the small home owners made a speech to council which was nothing more or less than a plea for a license to steal."

Terms of the ordinance provide for a $50 fine with cases being refered by OPA authorities to municipal court, after warnings, investigations and other procedures are completed. Thomas Quinn, AFL member of the advisory committe denounced D. A. Merritt, representative of the small home owners for having painted a distorted picture of the alleged plight of "those business men who suffer from the administration of Dr. New Deal."

Intend to Fight

Labor representatives are firm in their intention to fight to the last ditch for the black market ordinance, and condemned a local newspaper for its editorial stand against the ordinance. They pointed out that similar ordinances have been passed in other cities, notably Cleveland, Detroit, Lansing, Warren and Ashtabula where they have been effective.

Complaint was made by the labor group that it is because the ordinances are effective and put teeth into the OPA regulations that they are being so strongly opposed by the business interests.

Representative of Toledo unions will be on hand when Council meets Monday morning to insist that the ordinance be enacted into law and that this city give protection to the majority of its citizens who are consumers.

Labor Seeks State Unity

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 29.—With an announced goal of registering every Labor Union member to vote in the 1944 elections, all branches of Ohio organized Labor are working together on a broad political front, it was announced Tuesday by a policy-making committee representing nine state Labor organizations.

The move marks the first time all branches of Ohio Labor have jointed together in such a manner. The organizations represented are Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors, Ohio C.I.O. Council, Ohio State Federation of Labor, Ohio Typographical Conference, United Mine Workers of Ohio, and Ohio Brewery Workers. The latter three are not affiliated with the major Labor organizations.

Group Issues Statement

In a statement issued Tuesday, the group declared that "the elections of 1944 are fraught with deeper and weightier consequences than any previous elections in our time."

"The kind of post-war world we shall live in hangs in the balance," the statement continued, "and employment, job security, living standards, education, social security, collective bargaining—all are heavily dependent upon the results of this year's elections.

"Therefore, it is of paramount importance that all Labor Unions bend every effort to register all members for voting in 1944.

"Workers are aware that a reactionary Congress and an unprogressive state Legislature can sabotage the legitimate aspirations of the common people of the nation. Workers know that a big-business-minded government can mean unemployment, low wages, devastated conditions, and smashed Unions.

Cutbacks Threaten More Jobs

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28 (FP)—City-wide action by labor, industry and government was demanded by Local 825 and Dist. 8, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), following a sudden order by the Army Ordnance Dept. further curtailing production at the St. Louis Ordnance plant.

Workers affected by the new order are mostly UERMW members working at the U. S. Cartridge Co., one of the divisions of the ordnance plant. A cutback at the McQuay Norris Co., operators of the other ordnance plant division, is expected to result in dismissals of 2,500 men and women, mostly members of the United Auto Workers CIO.

Labor leaders immediately invited conferences with the city administration, the board of aldermen, the St. Louis Committee for Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce, urging them to choose a delegation to send to Washington on behalf of the city.

The United Labor Committee and the St. Louis Industrial Union Council committee on employment and conversion have called special meetings to discuss conversion of available plants, obtaining new orders and other problems arising from the mass layoffs.

WLB Rejects Soup Workers Increase

WASHINGTON (FP) — The Natl. War Labor Board turned down wage increase requests for workers at the Chicago and Camden. N. J. plants of the Campbell Soup Co. on grounds that they had exhausted their claims under the wage stabilization program.

'The United Cannery Agricultural Packing & Allied Workers (CIO) had asked for a general wage increase of 10c an hour for the approximately 3,200 workers in Chicago, and for increases, in addition to a general raise, in varying amounts for several categories of labor at the Camden plant, which employs some 4,500 workers.

TODAY'S GEM

CHICAGO (FP)—James L. Donnelley, vice president of the Illinois Manufacturers Assn. and head of R. R. Donnelley & Sons, which has been fighting unionism for 37 years, has denounced union political activity as "detrimental to the war effort."

It takes workers' minds off their jobs, he said.

Red Cross Quota Raised 76 Per Cent In Toledo Area

The second American Red Cross War Fund campaign will begin March 1, with a quota of $687,232 in the Toledo area, or 76 percent more than was raised last year.

This was announced by John A. Hill, campaign chairman, who will be assisted in the drive by Charles W. Racine, head of the Toledo Chapter; C. Barnes Walbridge, former liaison officer between the Red Cross and the Army in the Fifth Area and present war fund director.

"The Toledo area quota is much larger because of the increased numbers of our men fighting on battle fronts throughout the world," Mr. Hill said. "The fund will be for the benefit of every man in service, wherever he may be. The Red Cross is the only organization which is truly at his side, in the battle lines, in the hospitals, in the recreation areas and on the home fronts.

"The $687,232 quota compares with last year's quota of $367,000, which was oversubscribed. We are asking the people of the Toledo area to increase their contributions in the same ratio that the quota has been increased."

The Toledo area includes all of Toledo and Lucas County, and Rossford and Perrysburg in Wood County. Campaign plans include house-to-house solicitations throughout the area, drives for contributions in all business establishments, and requests for subscriptions from carded prospects, including individuals and corporations.

President Roosevelt will formally open the national campaign, in which $200,000,000 is sought, with an address on February 29.

Drugs Go To Middle East

Increased quantities of drugs, pharmaceuticals and other health supplies are expected to move to the Middle East through normal commercial channels during 1944, as a result of modifications in foreign trade operations, the Foreign Economic Administration has announced.

Improvement in the supply and shipping situations makes this development possible, and commercial channels will be used to the full extent permitted by the Governments of the Middle East countries.

The countries involved are Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, French Somoliland, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia. Cyrenaica, and Tripolitania. Civilian imports for all these countries are programmed by the Anglo-American Middle East Supply Center in Cairo.

CIO Locals Unite For Political Action

Re-elected By Local 12

Melvin Schultz Tom Burke

Randolph Gray Norman Meyers

Officers Re-elected By UAW Local 12

Melvin Schultz was re-elected president of Local 12, UAW-CIO, for the second consecutive year in the annual election held at the Local's headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Feb. 25 and 26.

Also re-elected were Tom Burke, vice-president; Randolph Gray, financial secretary, and Norman Meyers, treaurer. John Kipplinger was elected to serve the three year trustee's term while Heinz Szeve was chosen for the one-year term.

William Weston was reelected parliamentarian. Elected board members at-large were Ernest Kubacki and Alex Stefan, the latter was elected for the first time. Melvin Griffin and Lloyd Speidell were elected to the posts of sergeant-at-arms and assistant sergeant-at-arms respectively.

Richard Meyers

Only contested offices were those of recording secretary and guide. Richard Meyers of Willys Overland Unit won over Paul Hecklinger of the Hall Unit, and Gerald Biddle, Gordon Unit and Howard Cutcher of Auto-Lite were chosen guide and assistant guide over William Joy of Fort Pitt Unit.

Installation of officers will take place at the next regular meeting of the Local, March 10 at Local 12 headquarters. Regional Director Richard Gosser or his representative from the International office will conduct the installation.

Schultz States Policy

Melvin Schultz expressed his thanks to members of the Local for their confidence and said, "there will be no major change in the policies of the Local unless some emergency should arise which would require it We will continue during the current year to do our sincere best to advance the interests of the membership in all phases of our work and hope that we may continue to make satisfactory progress."

Labor Rallies To Support President

If the overriding of Pres. Roosevelt's veto of the "relief for the greedy" tax bill and the byplay surrounding the resignation of Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D. Ky.) as majority leader did nothing else, they brought home to labor its responsibilities in the present home front crisis.

No sooner had Barkley finished his attack on the President than defeatists tried to make the incident appear as a "revolt" against a 1-man dictator (Roosevelt) by spokesmen for the people (congress).

Chief outlets for defeatist propaganda in this country—the newspaper chain of William Randolph Hearst and the Washington Times-Herald, New York Daily News, and Chicago Tribune, owned by the McCormick-Patterson families — blatantly paraded the reelection of Barkley to the post of majority leader as an overwhelming defeat for the New Deal, meaning labor. The implication was that not only the President, but labor as well, had got a terrific kick in the teeth.

Labor Reacts Quickly

Labor reaction was quick. It saw congress' action not as a revolt against the President alone but against the war. In rapid succession, international unions, city and state bodies came out in support of Roosevelt—accepting their responsibility for preventing the tax bill episode from being nursed by defeatists into an anti-war victory.

In Washington AFL President William Green and CIO President, Philip Murray emphatically indorsed the President's position, serving notice on congress that labor is behind the chief executive on the tax controversy and the Barkley incident.

The Kentucky Federation of Labor, in Barkley's home state, supported the President. Pres. Reid Robinson of Intl. Union of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers (CIO), from its headquarters in Denver, wired Roosevelt and Barkley urging national unity for early victory.

In New Haven, Conn., the United Labor Legislative Committee—AFL, CIO and brotherhoods—denounced the "beat Roosevelt and labor" congress and voted to set up ward clubs as a basis for political activity in the coming campaign.

Labor Learns Lesson

Officials of the New York State Industrial Union Council wired congress: "This is no time for special privileges to favored groups." The Cleveland Industrial Union Council wired Ohio congressmen: "We demand an end of partisan politics and that congress turn its immediate attention to the speedy winning of the war."

As the tension subsided, labor showed signs of taking the entire incident to heart as an important political lesson, one which would be made to bear fruit at the polls in November. Certainly it was made obvious that the unions present the only real medium for effective political activity of the bulk of the country's voters.

'Relief For The Greedy'

NEW YORK (FP)—Wall Street could hardly control itself when it heard of the revolt of Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D. Ky.) against Pres. Roosevelt's tax bill veto.

"Prices were bid up quickly," one metropolitan paper reported, describing "the swiftest scramble to buy stocks in recent months." Reason was, financial reporters indicated, that congress was expected to override the President's veto and pass the bill described by Roosevelt as "relief for the greedy"

Discuss Plans For Political Campaign

Nineteen CIO Locals representing in excess of 50,000 members met last Tuesday night at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., to discuss solidification of CIO political action under a new title, the CIO Committee for Political Action.

Representatives numbering 70 were assembled to listen to Tom Burke, secretary of Labor's Political Activity Committee of Local 12 explain the mechanics of the Local 12 polital action setup, and invite the other CIO Locals to become part of an overall CIO political action group.

Seek Change of Name

Representatives of the various CIO Locals agreed that the name of the political action group should be changed to the CIO Political Action Committee and the Local 12 political activities executive committee was asked to make the recommendation at its next regular meeting.

Headquarters of the group will remain in Local 12 as heretofore according to the opinions expressed by various CIO delegates to the meeting, with all Locals uniting in an overall group to set the policies of the organization.

Members of the Toledo Industrial Union Council expressed the opinion that solidification of CIO political action in Toledo would be best served by a composite group representing all CIO Locals, and the delegates agreed that all Locals should seek to secure the active supoprt and participation of their members in the organization.

Protest Republican Endorsement

A motion was passed by the group to protest the endorsement of Congressman Homer A. Ramey by the Republican executive committee due to the record which Mr. Ramey has

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Spicer NLRB Decision Expected

Decision is expected soon from the NLRB on the representation hearing held in Toledo recently for the office workers of the Spicer Mfg. Co. according to the Local 12 organization staff in charge.

Every evidence in the hearing pointed to a favorable decision due to the attitude assumed by the Spicer management at the time the representation case was before the Board.

"Office workers at the Spicer Co. are among the white collar workers with whom everybody sympathizes, but for whom no one seems to be able to do anything" said Scot Rogers of the organization staff. "The workers realize this and say they are going to do something for themselves by joining with the UAW-CIO and voting that way when the election is held," he added.

Membership in the UAW-CIO is growing constantly and it now appears that there will be an overwhelming majority of the office workers signed up by the time the election is called.

Haas Quotes Pope On Goods For All

CHICAGO (FP) — Brushing aside the cry of "socialism", Bishop Francis J. Haas told the Catholic conference on industrial problems, meeting in Chicago, that full employment and full production are proper social and economic goals.

Haas quoted Pope Pius XI's encyclical that "then only will the social economy be rightly established and attain its purposes when all and each are supplied with all the goods that the wealth and resources of nature, technical achievement and the social organization of economic life can furnish."

"Free enterprise," the bishop said, "without a considerable amount of help from government and workers' organizations cannot provide for full production of goods and services after the war." He urged adoption of the industry council plan sponsored by CIO President Philip Murray.

Thacher Attends Council Meeting

Shortest session of the current city council was staged last Monday morning with but one ordinance and resolution being passed. Councilman Addison Q. Thacher also attended and was graciously excused for missing all of last week's council meetings on a motion by Councilman Ollie Czelusta.

Principal discussion of the meeting centered around sidewalk inspection with Councilman Tom Burke suggesting a tax on downtown property owners for inspection in the interest of public safety on the ground that many privately owned buildings are occupying public property.

Collapse of a sidewalk at the corner of Jackson and Superior Streets last week, resulting in the death of a young girl and injury to three other persons brought on the discussion.

An ordinance for expense money for city departments and a resolution authorizing the city manager to repair or construct sidewalks on various streets were passed.

Joint Political Committee Seeking Memberships

Labor's Joint Committee For Political Action organized last fall by AFL-CIO and railroad unions to work for the candidacy of labor-backed city council candidates is inaugurating a membership campaign to increase the size of the organization.

Letters have been sent out to all Toledo unions by Richard Gosser, chairman of the Joint Political Committee, inviting all labor unions in the city, regardless of affiliation, to become members of the Joint Committee.

Affiliation by Charter

Affiliation with labor's Joint Committee for Political Action is by charter. The organization now represents a membership of more than 40,000 members of AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods, although there are many unions eligible to become affiliated.

In speaking of the drive to unite labor on the political front Mr. Gosser said, "We know that this year's election is going to be a crucial one for all organized labor. We believe that it is to our interest to unite ourselves for the political fight which even now shows that labor's enemies are strong and united. Unless we are able to present a united front in this year's election, all labor unions will suffer."

Mr. Gosser called attention to the nearness of the political campaign when he said, "In just another week, by March 10, all candidates who are seeking public office must file their petitions with the Board of Elections. Registrations close on April 10 and the primary elections are held on May 9. That means there is but slightly more than two months before the real campaign gets under way."

All units of amalgamated unions are urged by Chairman Gosser to make application for a charter and affiliate themselves with the Joint Labor Committee.

Gerald Smith Still Wants Lindbergh For President

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26 (FP)—Gerald L. K. Smith, America First leader, opened a nation-wide speaking tour here with the warning that America Firsters would nominate the true "spirit of St. Louis"—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh—for the presidency if "the Republicans sell us out at their own convention."

Speaking before a hand picked audience of about 650 —selected from the mailing lists of the old America First Committee, the German-American Bund, followers of Father Chas. E. Coughlin and similar groups —Smith urged impeachment of Vice Pres. Henry A. Wallace, "the new head of the Communist party in America."

No. 1 plank in Smith's victory program was "permanent retirement of all Roosevelts from public life." He attacked Wendell L. Willkie as "the "Democratic fifth columnist in the Republican party."

Denounces Postwar Collaboration

Denouncing plans for postwar international collaboration, Smith waved and ridiculed a proposed flag for a "world state." Urged by his audience to "jump on it, Gerald," he refused, complaining that Walter Winchell had caused him much trouble by broadcasting that he, Smith, had jumped on a flag before.

Smith wound up with the statement that "for every one" of his audience "100 more" secretly hold his opinions, but do not express them for fear of the New Deal "gestapo." Amid ringing applause he shouted: "We are America!"

There was applause for onetime America Firsters Senators Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.) and Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), Henry Ford, Lindbergh and Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.).

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made in voting against many bills favored by labor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Congressman Ramey was one subject upon which the meeting showed considerable agreement. His record was discussed by various delegates who stated their belief that the congressional incumbent could be decisively defeated by labor in the 1944 election.

Further Action Promised

When the meeting was concluded, it was agreed that further meetings would be held after the Toledo Industrial Council takes action and Labor's Committee takes action at a general membership meeting, March 7.

Two CIO candidates were introduced to the meeting and were well received. They were Frank Mohn, chairman of the Adams Township Trustees, candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, and E. W. Lapenas, Republican candidate for state representative. No endorsements were given.

Delegates visited the the Local 12 political activities office following the meeting and were shown the ward and precinct setup which has been introduced since last November's election.

CIO Opposes Equal Rights For Women

WASHINGTON, March 1, (FP)—CIO Pres. Philip Murray warned congress not to be misled into supporting the so-called equal rights amendment, which, he said, 'actually conceals the means of robbing women of many of the rights and protections that have been won for them."

The proposed constitutional amendment was reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee last year and is now before the house in the form of a discharge petition to bring it on the floor.

If the equal rights amendment is passed, laws limiting the hours women may be required to work, regulating health and other working conditions, securing minimum wage rates in traditionally low-paid industries, maternity aid, widows' pensions, aid for dependent children and other social security protective measures would be abolished, Murray pointed out.

"The proposal insists on subjecting women to the same evils of detrimental working conditions under which many men have to work and against which women are to some extent protected," he said. "In this light, it should be called not the 'equal rights' amendment but the 'equal dertiments' amendment."

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A letter was read from R. R. Brooks, Director of the Labor Office of the OPA in Washington explaining the position of the OPA on the labor coordinator requested by the TIUC several weeks ago. In his letter, Mr. Brooks explained that there was no civil service setup for the creation of such an office and that in cases where such work was being done it was service given without compensation.

Recommendation Adopted

Recommendations made by the TIUC executive board were adopted without dissent. Following were the recommendations:

A request will be made by the TIUC for more labor representation on draft boards. It was felt by the delegates that labor does not have the representation which its size and importance merits.

A petition was ordered sent to Washington requesting the retention of the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Jobs Refused Soldiers

Refusal of employers in some sections of the country to give disabled soldiers with medical discharges from the army their old jobs back was discussed and a committee appointed to investigate the situation in Toledo.

Instances were related particularly from the Detroit area where employers had taken a definite stand and absolutely refused to re-employ their former workers due to disability sustained in fighting in the various war fronts.

Explains Connally Bill

A letter was read from The Ohio CIO Council which explained the workings of the Smith-Connolly as it related to those seeking federal office. The letter stated that unions were expressly forbidden by the act from making any contribution to anyone seeking federal office; but that the act did not apply to local or state offices.

Kenneth Cole, executive secretary who has been absent for several months due to illness has resumed his office and was present at the meeting. Vice-President Earl Ordway presided over the meeting in the absence of President Richard Lazette who is attending a conference of CIO welfare directors in Chicago.

Mr. Cole was named as chairman of a committee of 12 to be appointed by the executive board to seek elections in all Toledo hotels from the regional War Labor Board under the same terms by which the Board granted an election at the Commodore Perry Hotel.

Bill Prepared For 30-Hour Postwar Work Week

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (FP)—Rep. Arthur G. Klein (D., N. Y.) announced that he had prepared for introduction in congress a bill providing for a 30-hour week within five years after the war.

Specifically, the measure would amend the wage-hour law to provide for an immediate reduction of hours to 35 a week as soon as the war ends and a reduction of an other hour a week each year until the 30-hour week is established.

The act would cover all employes "engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." It would forbid employers to permit longer hours and would provide the same penalties as now exist for violations of the wage-hour law.

Purpose of the act, Klein said, is to spread employment and provide "a more abundant life for the laboring classes of the nation."

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Scale Workers Query

Why is there so much unrest and suspicion of every move at the Toledo Scale Co.? Is it because certain parties in the treasury department are trying to be production experts instead of bookkeepers? Last fall the company employed the services of an efficiency organization. They were placed in the company without any explanation to the rank and file. Everything they did, and still do, for that matter, is on the hush hush basis. The foremen were finally told that they were going to set up a new time study and production system.

The first move they made was to transfer the time study department from the methods department to the cost department supervision, an unusual procedure to say nothing of placing it behind closed doors. The employes were told nothing of this new system and suddenly noticed these time study "experts" roaming around the plant taking studies. Everyone became suspicious of the motive and were informed it was for scheduling of parts. They do not trust this idea and think it is only a postwar scheme to cut wages, especially when even the foreman hasn't the last word on the approval of the study.

It is not only the factory workers who are becoming suspicious. It is the office workers as well. They are wondering if the time study department could be changed to different supervision, causing these employes to lose their seniority, what is to prevent other departments becoming the same victims? Also, if certain key positions could be dissolved, rearranged or renamed in such a manner as to eliminate older employes. These may or may not be the motives, but due to no explanation on the part of the company, you cannot blame the employes for wondering "what will happen next?"

We think it is time for the office employes to join up with the CIO, an organization that would find out why these conditions are existing instead of waiting for them to happen. Your present job status should be protected. You need protection now more than ever before, for you really are the forgotten men. Organization has made the factory workers more secure and higher paid. It will be your own fault if you coast along with your present company union without benefit of national organization. The company union may have honorable intentions but it lacks the strength to back you. The company knows this and will go ahead with any program they desire for their benefit. Think it over! And when the time comes, vote CIO.

We understand Mr. Fink is going south for his health. Things are not very healthy at the Scale Co. and some of the employes are anxious to hear if his salary will be cut off in two weeks as some of theirs were recently.

Georgia Bars Negro From Law Practice

ATLANTA (FP)—The Georgia supreme court rejected the plea of George Elmer Ross of Augusta, a Negro, to be allowed to practice law in the state. Ross, a graduate of Chicago Law School, has been trying since 1939 to gain admission to the Georgia bar.

Although he passed the state bar examination, the state board of bar examiners refused to give him a license. He appealed to the court. In a unanimous decision the Supreme Court upheld the action of the bar examiners and ruled there could be no more appeals from their decisions.

1100 Pay Penalty

COLUMBUS, Feb. 21.—Ohio game protectors, who do a great many things in the conservation program in their respective counties, also were "on their toes" in law enforcement during 1943.

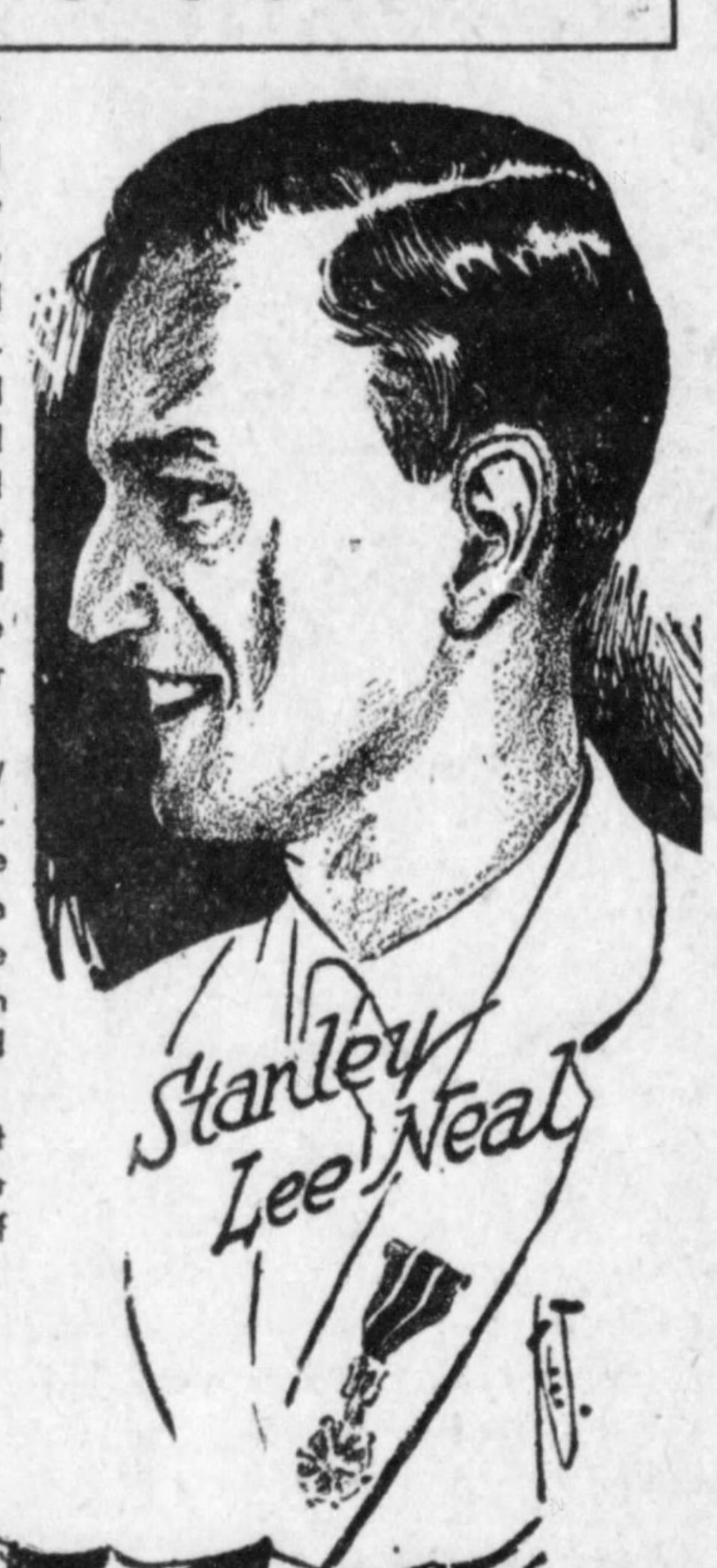
A compilation of cases made by Lester Bailey, chief of the Law Enforcement Section of the Ohio Division of Conservation and reported to Conservation Commissioner Don Waters reveals that 1102 arrests were made and an even 1100 convictions obtained. Fines assessed by the courts totaled $23,717.

VICTORY'S SONS

SURVIVORS from a torpedoed Brazilian passenger ship were being picked up by an American tanker. Suddenly Messman Stanley Neal sighted two men who seemed to be helpless and sinking. Fearing that the overburdened rescuers in the tanker's boats would not be able to reach them in time, Neal leaped overboard and swam. He found that the men had been injured, and were helpless. Struggling and splashing, Neal slowly pulled them to the ship's side, despite threatening sharks, kept off only by revolver fire from the tanker.

A little later, Neal noticed an elderly woman, lashed to a piece of wreckage. Although he was near exhaustion from the previous rescues, he plunged into the sea again. Once more bullets held off the sharks as he paddled and pushed the woman to the tanker, cut the lashings, and helped hoist her aboard.

Stanley Neal was awarded the Merchant Marine distinguished service medal for "heroism above and beyond the call of duty."



Let Congress Know

Organized labor is letting congress know it is watching the vote on the following:

S 1285—S 1612—Soldier vote bill: Still tied up in conference after several weeks are the phony house-approved states rights bill, S 1285, and the senate approved compromise version of S 1612, providing a federal ballot for servicemen and women. Rep. Eugene Worley (D. Tex.) offering compromises which would make soldier vote meaningless. Holding out against any compromise and for the states rights bill are poll-taxer John Rankin (D Miss.); Karl LeCompte (R. Ia.), and Harris Ellsworth (R. Ore.). Other conferees are Rep. Herbert Bonner (D. N. C.); Senators Theodore Green (D. R I.); Tom Connally (D. Tex.); Warren Austin (R. Vt.); Carl Hatch (D. N. M.); and Hugh Butler (R. Neb.). Unions pressing for passage of S 1612, with no compromise

HR 7—Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill: Next major battle brewing around this bill, which is scheduled to reach the senate floor at any moment. Unions demanding speedy action, urging senators to vote "yes" on cloture (barring a threatened fillibuster) and "no" on any amendments or motions to table or postpone the bill.

HR 2328—Lynch anti race hate bill: Bars anti-Jewish, anti-Negro propaganda from the mails. In house postoffice committee, headed by Rep. Thos. Burch (D. Va.) Unions urging committee to vote bill out favorably. So-called Equal Rights amendment: Would kill all protective laws for women workers under guise of extending them equal rights. Labor wiring representatives not to sign discharge petition, which needs 218 signatures to get amendment on floor.

Cleveland CIO Launches Drive

CLEVELAND (FP)—To elect win-the-war candidates "ranging from county coroner to President of the U. S." in the coming 1944 elections, the Cleveland Industrial Union Council launched a city-wide Dollar Campaign for Political Action.

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TWIN SIZE COLA DRINK
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FBI LOSES CASE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (FP)—The Ducktown miners' case wound up with a clearcut decision against the Federal Bureau of Investigation when a U. S. District Court jury acquitted four union members of charges of conspiracy to damage government property. Previously four others had been released by the presiding judge on a directed verdict because of insufficient evidence.

CIO Writers Needed

Jack Kroll, CIO, Regional Political Action Director, has sent out an SOS for good radio scripts.

Mr. Kroll advises that many local Councils and Unions are planning radio programs to spur their political action drives. The experience of the Regional Political Action Committee with radio programs has clearly demonstrated that human interest short skits and dramas have been most effective.

"We want some down-to-earth educational and inspirational radio material which can catch the fancy of radio listeners," observed Mr. Kroll.

"Formal speech-making doesn't strike the public ear and mind as do dramatized human stories of the ideas and ideals to which CIO aspires."

Fifteen and thirty minute broadcasts will be most commonly used, and scripts should be tailored to fit such time schedules.

Scripts emphasizing the register-to-vote campaign of CIO, the democratic privilege of voting, and the significance of voting in relation to the tremendously important economic and social issues are the types most in demand. Commented Mr. Kroll, "This is a grand opportunity for CIO writers to serve a worthy cause. I am sure that some fine and useful talent will be uncovered."

All scripts, ideas or suggestions should be sent to

Jack Kroll, Director Region V,
CIO Political Action Committee
1015 Vine Street,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

"There will be no rejection slips," quipped Mr. Kroll.

Employees Get Increase

CHICAGO (FP)—Wage increases averaging $16.50 a month have been won through efforts of Local 88, Chicago Public Library Employes (CIO).

Fascist Group Will Protect Gentiles For $100

CHICAGO (FP)—The shadow of Adolf Hitler fell on Chicago when an eight-page tabloid newspaper appeared on the streets proclaiming the program of the Gentile Cooperative Association, a new anti-Jewish outfit organized to "protect Gentiles' at up to $100 a head.

The association announced it would publish a Gentile Business Directory in various American cities in the near future. One of its major aims was "aid for Gentile veterans". Offices of the organization are at 30 North La-Salle street, Chicago.

An editorial which might have been copied from a Nazi textbook said: "Gentiles realize that their 125,000,000 population in the United States represents close to 90% of the purchasing power of the nation. We believe Gentiles should own and maintain businesses in proportion to this population, better to serve their own people."

In bold face type the paper urged: "Please . . . no big donations," reminding readers that the association "would rather have two or three million members at $2, $3 or $5 each than fewer members at larger amounts."

There followed a letter described as being from a "gracious lady" in the south, saying she enclosed a check for 100 and a detailed pedigree proving she is a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden and Miles Standish and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The writer's name was not given.

The association has until March 6 to answer charges of State Attorney General George Barrett that it was organized to discriminate against certain racial and religious groups, and is an "instrument of subversive and un-American activity." The state is seeking to dissolve the organization. Its activities fanning the flames of race prejudice border on treason, Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago commented.

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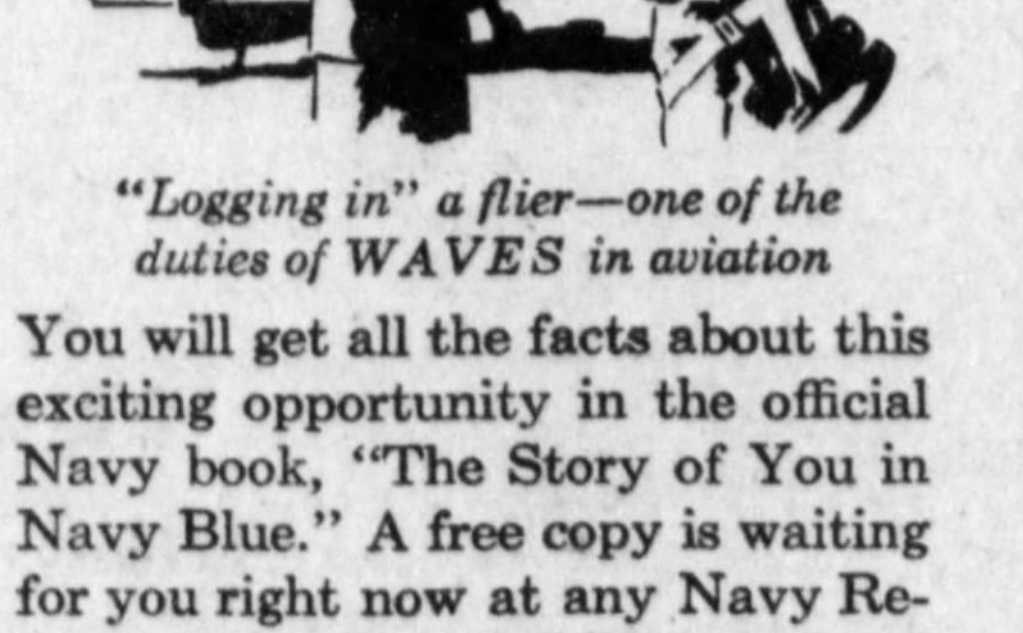

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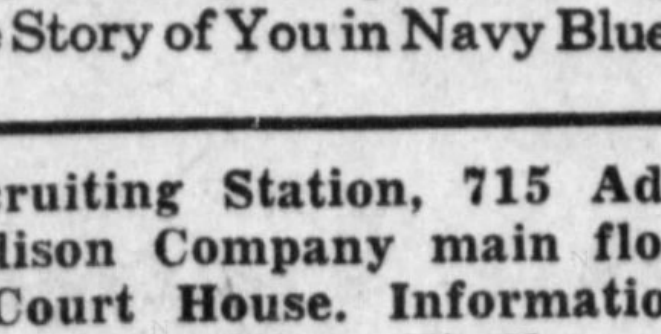
That's the kind of opportunity this book offers you. The chance to get off the sidelines, and get into uniform. The chance to be *in* the Navy, *of* the Navy, living a real Navy life. The chance to feel important, to *be* important, to hold your head high.



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Now that our elections are over and your Unit officers have been chosen by you for the year, I have every hope that we will show ourselves to be truly democratic and accept the verdict of the majority.

It is far more important that we unite ourselves into a strong and militant organization than it is to sulk about our personal disappointments. Each member of our Unit, if he or she is so minded, can contribute greatly to the advancement of the entire organization, and we can do this if we have the proper attitude.

I am certain that I speak the sentiments of the executive committee and the majority of the people in our Unit when I say that the only idea the committee has in mind is to give you people the best possible service and make our Unit strong and respected by all the other Units of Local 12.

To those who aspired to leadership, or who may still have ambitions, I can only say that ours is a democratic organization and it is every one's privilege to seek leadership. On the other hand, leadership is not gained by carping critics, nor those who merely seek to constantly pick flaws of a trivial nature.

I want to express my thanks to the Unit for their patience and have every hope that I will measure up to the requirements of our people. I believe your committee is a good one and will do a good job for you, and that we will make progress. Finally, I appeal to each and every one of you to stick to good union principles and give your comittee your cooperation. We need your aid just as much, perhaps more, than you need ours, and will appreciate your suggestions and help.

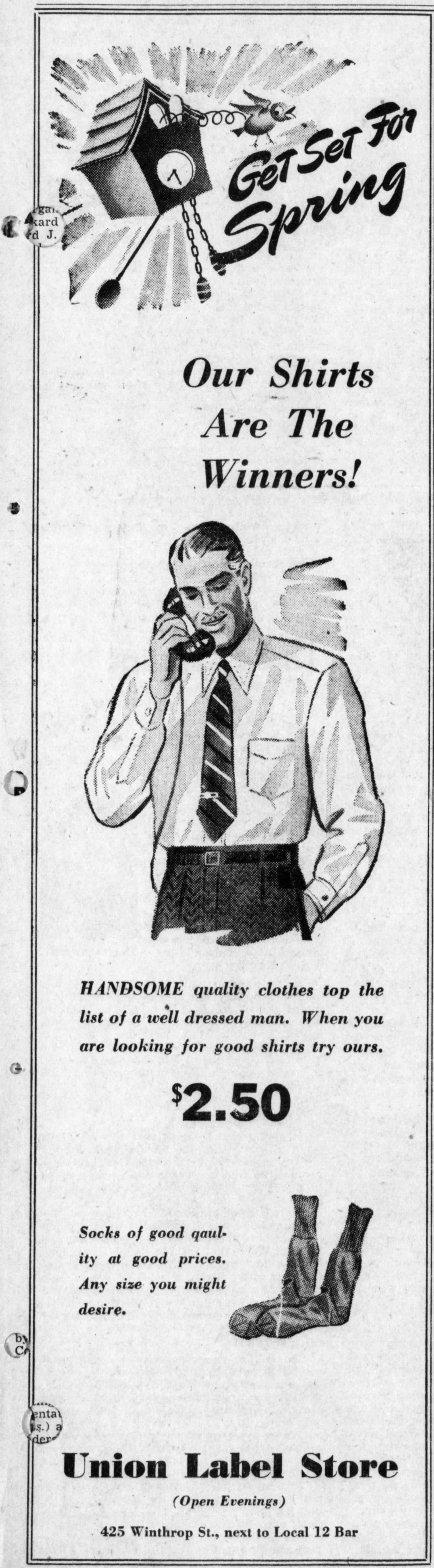
Norman Priest, Chairman

NEWS

Due to the changes in the comittee, this week's column was inadverdently omitted. It will be back next week.

KILLS SELF TO ESCAPE TRIAL

MIAMI, Fla. (FP)—The suicide of Charles E. Bedaux here Feb. 18 ended the life of a man who used the millions he made out of the infamous Bedaux speedup system, cursed by workers on two continents, to help the Nazis and the international Quislings become dictators of Europe. He killed himself to escape trial for treason to the U. S.



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The Waggin' Tongue of Local 12

We have before us an inquiry from a member of Local 12. He asks: "Of what value is a newspaper to a union?"

We are greatly surprised at such a question. We took it for granted that everyone knew that a newspaper (THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL) is a means of getting a little neare to the truth and of expressing the opinions and views of the working people. We could go on for hours, telling of the various uses and values of a newspaper published by a union and still not mention half of them.

For instance, my wife like many other housewives finds that a newspaper crumpled in the hand makes a fine mop with which to wipe the grease from the kitchen stove. It is valuable on the floor when painting walls or woodwork, to keep stains off of the linoleum and is excellent for starting a fire.

When we were still attending grade school we learned that well chewed newspaper was ideal for spitballs. It has the zip and adhesing quality not found in just any kind of paper.

Newspapers are also spread on chairs when standing on them to hang pictures, to prevent scratching the mahogany. Newspapers can be and are used to wrap lunches, garbage and things that are to be stored in the attic, as the printer's ink deters moths. And if one did not use his UNION JOURNAL for any of the above mentioned purposes, one could always sit down and read it. Does that answer your question brother?

DON'T ASK US

How come Leo Strauss of W.-O. finished way down in 4th position, or how Ken Bernard of National Supply managed to roll three consecutive 161 scores in the Maumee Classic a couple of weeks ago?

Why Alphonse Krieger of Champion Spark Plug neglected to include the Union Label in his (paid advertisement) campaign for the Executive Committee, which appeared in an issue of a neighborhood weekly news? The Union Bug was certainly some oversight "For Real Representation" Mr. Krieger.

Does This Outlaw Tips?

NEW YORK (FP) — More than six million dollars in back pay and wage increases will be gained by Pullman porters as the result of negotiations with the Pullman Co. and railroads under contract, President A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) announced.

In addition, he said, an agreement has been reached on vacation with pay up to one week.

UNIONS TACKLE DELINQUENCY

NEW YORK (FP)—In a move to reduce absenteeism, increase production and fight the growth of juvenile delinquency in industrial centers, the Labor League for Human Rights and the Natl. CIO War Relief Committee, official relief organizations of the AFL and CIO, concluded a joint agreement calling for intensified union participation in community efforts to solve these problems.

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National Supply

By Delbert Sager

BREAKFAST AGAIN

For the second time, National Supply played host for 95 enlistees departing for the Navy at a send-off breakfast given at the Hotel Hillcrest, Feb. 26.

It was a typical Navy send-oft breakfast which follows the same procedure each week. The musical program was presented by Marie Hoffman, who sang a solo, accompanied by Marjorie Cunningham, WTOL staff pianist.

Edward Burtwhistle, chairman of the National Supply Unit, gave a brief talk and told the departing Navy men that the National Supply workers were behind the war effort and would continue to give it their best until victory had been won.

Edward Brug and Harold McKinnis also gave brief talks. As usual, the program was broadcast over radio station WTOL. Charles Halteman was master ot ceremonies.

OUR LOSS

National Supply is losing one of its good stewards in the person of Harold McKinnis of Dept. 39, who has enlisted in the Ship Repair Unit of the Navy. Harold is waiting for his call, which will come through just as soon as the unit is completed. The Navy's gain is our loss, but we know that it takes men like him to win the war and don't begrudge Uncle Sam a good nephew.

AROUND THE SHOP

Gosh but he's pretty—meaning the helper on the 84 planer in the Navy Bldg. That comes from taking his daily beauty naps. Try some of Wade's treatment, you other guys who are getting bags under your eyes and crow's feet from trying to burn the candle at both ends and thinking that it gives a wonderful light.

The boys are getting more work since the master mechanic Dan quit hiding the cutters so he would have to work on Sundays. And don't deny it.

Just what is the brother's idea in Dept. 86 who continues to insist that his boss take a chew of chomping terbaccy whether he wants it or not.

Bob Conrad, formerly of our shop, now serving in the Navy, went throug hour jeint when he was home recently on furlough. He looks to be in the pink, proof positive that there's nothing like regular hours, proper food and exercise to build up a man. I can't understand why some of our unhealthy brothers don't try this for a while, especially now that all the M.D.'s are either in the armed services or so busy that you have to practically die to get them to come and see you.

Frosty Richards would like to purchase 10 acres of good, soft loam sand ground that can be walked on barefooted and be planted with pink tulips.

We are all glad to see Jimmy Snyder back to work after his recent illness. He's a great guy and we're glad he's better.

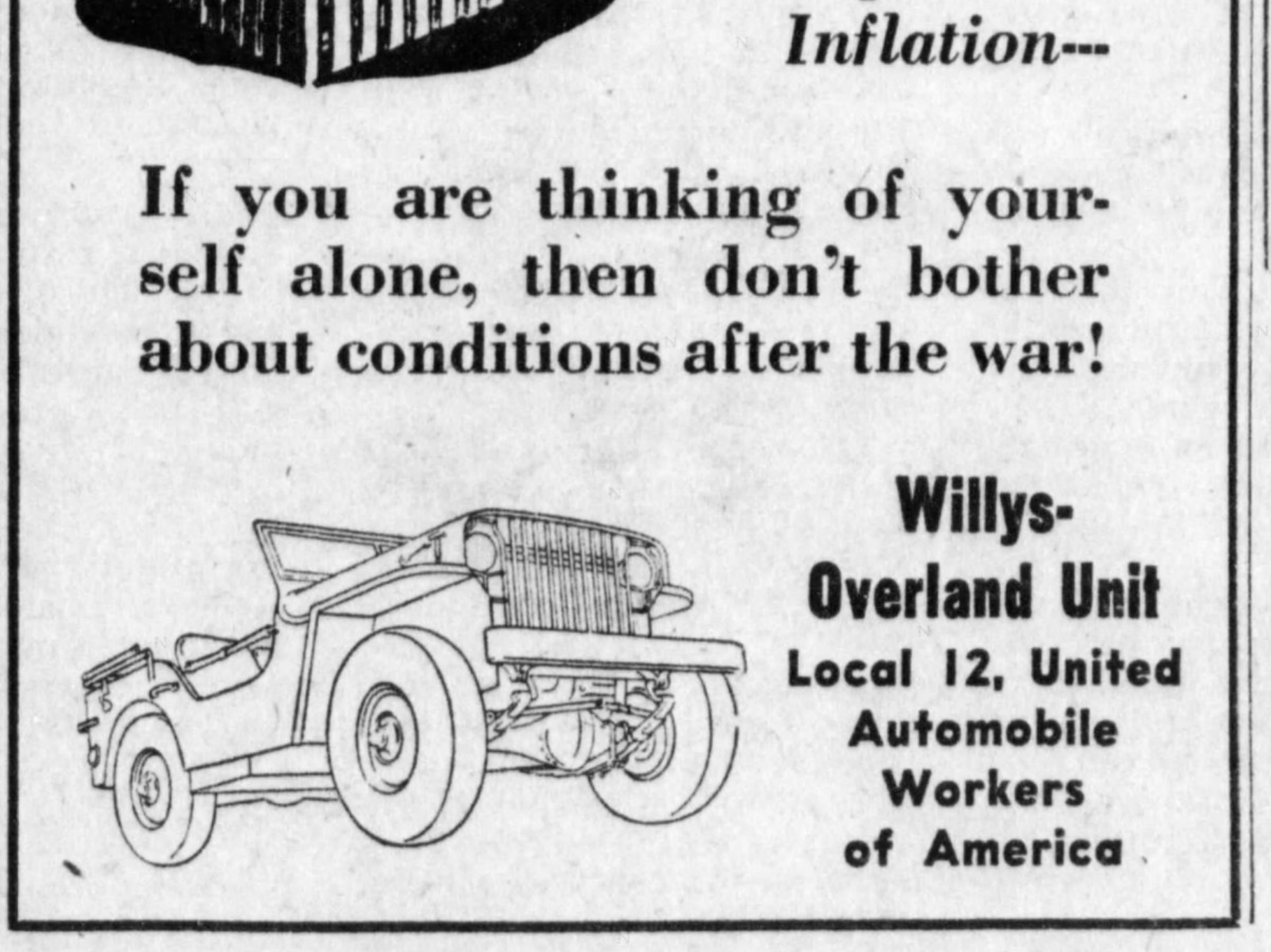
Harold Jones, the hill billy of Dept. 36, is jealous of the other guy's red apple club. It looks like he finally made the grade. And while on that subject, I would like to remind some of the publicity hounds that they ought to remember that even a reporter can be bought.

We wish George Schultz a speedy recovery. He is home recovering from an injured leg.

Art Cowell extends his thanks to the Unit for the flowers at the time of his sister's death.

Two big events in the life of Dick Gueldenzoph of Dept. 86. He acquired a new wife and lost an old mustache. He still wears the pants—at work.

To "Boob" Benson—what the L happens to all the coffee, the guys on days want to know. It takes more than coffee to bring back the old Willys "Boob" drove. It has gone the way of all flesh, or tin, or somethin'.



Write To Your Congressman

Build a Fence Against Inflation---

If you are thinking of yourself alone, then don't bother about conditions after the war!

Willys-Overland Unit
Local 12, United Automobile Workers of America

Valv-o-Lite

Toledo Steel Products Unit
By C. Mickens, Jr.

There was a good attendance at the recent monthly meeting. A motion was made and passed that all members not present at coming Unit meetings be fined $1.00. The following meetings will start at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. promptly, so let's see an attendance of 100%. The following members were elected to the Executive Committee: Art Brown, Fred White, David Keisser, Emery Morningstar, Lena Shontz, George Roth and Kelcey Monday.

At the meeting held at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Feb. 25 between the Union, management and Mr. Ferguson, a representative of the RWLB, the following progress was made: The management made some concessions, such as calling in the Executive Committee when establishing new rules. Mr. Ferguson will present both sides of the disputed sections of the contract to the RWLB when they convene Tuesday, Feb. 29, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

At the recent drawing the following numbers won prizes:

$50	No. E431
$30	No. B261
$20	No. A415

The committee wishes to have more of these raffles and entertainments to get the employes better acquainted with each other.

In the past the Welfare Committee has received quite a few letters from the boys in the armed forces asking for the boys and girls of our shop to write to them. A letter from their home town is appreciated, so let's all write some fellow a nice long letter.

Rathbun Reporter

NO JUSTICE

During the last big snow, Jake Billiter was walking to work when all of a sudden, whosh! He sneezed. Now a sneeze isn't so bad, but it so happened that when he erupted he blew his teeth out of his mouth into the deep snow.

There wasn't anything to do but look for the teeth, so Jake got down on his hands and knees and began to diligently search for his missing choppers. While he was down there pawing around in the wet snow along came a car full of his fellow workers.

"Hey, Jake," yelled one of the wise guys, "Don't tell me you've been there since last night, or are you still looking for that flask?"

There ain't no justice.

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Jack Hunter is a smart operator. He brags that Mrs. Hans Seiber and Mrs. John Koller are the best cookie and cake bakers of any of the shop men's wives. As a result of this, he is being showered with sweet stuff by the two women who want to show him that they appreciate a fellow who appreciates good things to eat.

Old Pappy Ide, who captains his bowling team in the St. James' League, has lead his team to first place in the league standings.

Members of the welfare committee are Lloyd Turner, chairman; Robert McVicker, secretary-treasurer, and Cliff Shaffer, trustee.

It looks like the coffee canteen is going over big. Lots of the boys take two cups and others come back with pots full. The people appreciate the canteen and are pleased that the management installed it.

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Willys Seeing Eye

TAX BILL

It should prove something to the workers now that they have seen the way congress did a job on the President's tax bill veto. Of course, the newspapers are all in favor of what happened. Why wouldn't they be? They are big business and the more taxes the workers pay, the less the big moneyed interest have to pay.

What appears in the papers shouldn't worry the people who work for a living, because papers have been against the President for years and he still wins the elections. That means that the papers for all their suposed influence do not make much impression on the people when it comes to Roosevelt.

The best way ao protect labor and the gains which the workers have made in the past 10 years is to go now to the Board of Elections and register and vote in the primaries. Go to 217 Superior Street NOW and get yourself ready to vote.

SYMPATHY

The officers and members of the Willys Unit extend their sympathy to the families of Lt. Wm. J. Pautz, Sgt. Stephan Toth and Ralph VanGlahn of our Unit who gave their lives in the forces of the armed services.

BANK

Now that the workers have the opportunity to work steady and make a few dollars, why not save your money. We suggest that one of the best places to bank your money is in the Willys Federal Credit Union. There are two branches. One is located at Gate 5 K Bldg., the other at Gate 3, 110 Bldg.

STUFF

Wonder if hot dogs, pop corn and coke are tough on the figure? The reason for the question is because Loretta who bats em out in the executive committee office goes to town on these choice morsels.

Jack Winchel who is captain of the guards used to fight for the workers. We can recall one time when Jack even went so far in committee meetings that he argued that the workers should have the right to park their cars without fear of having them towed away. Jack would say, "the parking situation is in the bag."

After being in charge of paring for several years, Jack doesn't seem to be able to put the situation "in the bag." Jack even has cars towed away these days and placed down by the creek. Maybe that's putting the parking situation "in the bag." A short time ago one was towed away at 5.15 a. m. and it was raining, and the gallant captain Jack refused to aid three women workers reach their car. Jack even refused them the use of the tow car to help them out from getting soaked.

And Jack was a "good" union man once upon a time. Sometimes people get upset with promotions. It gets them in the head. Jack known just enough about the union to try and scare people into the belief that the executive committee would give them 10 days off on his say-so, if they failed to do as he ordered. Did Mr. Winchel consult the committee before making this statement? We doubt if the committee gave out such a statement.

Anyhow, we hope the captain will regain his memory and recall the old days when he used to practice "unionism". It tough to see a guy who seemed to be regular, go haywire because of a title which really doesn't mean so much.

Camera Club Schedules Movies

An excellent program of movies has been scheduled by the Local 12 Camera Club for their weekly shows which are given each Thursday night in Parlor N at 425 Winthrop St., according to Arnold Shenofsky, director of the club.

Following are the titles of the pictures schedules for the next few weeks: Devils Squadron, Pride of the Marines, The Nut Farm, So you Won't Talk, starring Joe E. Brown and Symphony of Living.

All Local 12 members, their families and friends are cordially invited by the Camera Club to attend the movies which are free. Shows start at promptly 8.00 p. m.

SEEING EYE TO EYE

WASHINGTON (FP) — The recent attack on Pres. Roosevelt and the New Deal by Pres. William Hutcheson of the United Bro. of Carpenters & Joiners (AFL) was indorsed by the United Mine Workers Journal, organ of the UMW (unaffiliated).

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By Ted Modrowski

ABOUT THE PEOPLE

The last report to come from Dept. 2 was that the people there are 100% behind the new committee and challenge all other departments to an attendance race at the regular unit meetings. They believe they can reach the 90% mark easily but say they will shoot at the perfect mark. Well, what do you say to that, people? Let's give them a real race.

Ralph Ullrich says: "The way the committee is working, the people should support them and give them complete cooperation. In this war-time they have a tough job on their hands and can only show results if they have the support of the people they represent. Let's not let them down."

Will wonders never cease? Helen Ashley came in to work the other day and forgot to bring her voice with her. When the people found this out they jumped with glee, for up to this time only Lillian Bellfy and Ethel Miller were murdering "Mairzy Doates".

To the many people who don't have enough of the stuff, we offer this definition of money. Money is the stuff we work like hell for and never get enough of.

Advice to the people in Dept. 1: "When you believe you are putting your best efforts in your job and the boss isn't satisfied, get yourself a new boss." Methinks some day soon somebody is gonna get stepped on—but hard.

"What do you care when you get your relief, just so you get it." This has the pungent odor of Hitlerian rule and you can pass the word along that we don't intend to accept such statements from a supervisor or for that matter anyone right up the list to the president. We have a union organized along lines drawn up by human beings who wish to be treated as such. Get wise, smart guy, before we let our hair down. We organized to prevent this slave driver method, so unfold your arms and start acting human.

We want a large attendance at the next Unit meeting so the committee can hear the complaints they know the people have. The committee meets at least once each week but they will meet every day if necessary to handle your cases. We are determined to show you that the dollar you invest each month in your union is wise spending. The meeting, by the way, is Wednesday, March 8 in Parlor A. The main reason we would like to see a good attendance at the meeting is that we have an important issue to vote on.

Let's all sit down and write at least one letter to a boy or girl in service—show them you have not forgotten.

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Marked For Defeat

By its action condemning the voting record of Congressman Homer A. Ramey, the Toledo Industrial Union Council marked the congressional incumbent for defeat by calling on all the workers of the Ninth Congressional District to withhold their support from the Republican candidate.

Sharply criticizing Mr. Ramey, the CIO Council called him "an enemy of labor" who not only has voted against many of the bills favored by labor; but a man who has stated his low opinion of the CIO Political Action Committee.

While the CIO was expressing its contempt for Mr. Ramey, the Republican committee was giving him its blessing and indorsement, an indication that the Republicans are content with their candidate and approve his record, or was that the indorsement of the Republican chairman, Harry Hansen?

Workers are asking each other if it can be possible that the Republican party is proud of Congressman Ramey, or if they merely subscribe to the old belief that a political incumbent is more difficult to defeat than one not in office.

Workers are wondering if the Republican indorsement of Mr. Ramey is the party's answer to the workers' query, "Where does the Republican party stand with respect to labor?"

There can be no recalling of the Republican indorsement given to the vacilating representative. The party has committed itelf and in effect is telling the workers and plain people of the Ninth Congressional District that it approves of Mr. Ramey. Thus, the party has made its choice and will succeed or fail, depending upon the outcome of the election.

From this great distance, it looks like the congressional race is going to be a great contest with Congressman Homer A. Ramey taking some well directed wallops from organized labor.

Black Market Ordinance

Efforts of the labor advisory committee of the district OPA to secure a black market ordinance are meeting with the stubborn resistance of a small but determined group of people who seek to prevent the OPA from doing the work intended for it.

It is not surprising that the so-called small home owners and small businessmen should seek to prevent more adequate enforcement of OPA regulations. Nor is it surprising that the public press, which seeks to influence the minds of city council and, wherever possible, the public, should take a stand against the ordinance requested.

As the labor representatives serving on the OPA committee have pointed out, city council in passing the black market ordinance will be serving the majority interests of the people of this city. They will be protecting the consumer.

There may possibly be some merit in the arguments which opponents of the ordinance are advancing, yet, when the welfare and protection of 70,000 Toledo workers and their families are taken into consideration, there should be no hesitation on the part of our city council.

Nor does the argument that the $50 fine called for in the ordinance which automatically deprives the defendant the right to jury trial carry much weight. If those whose sympathies lie with the defendants want to be consistent, why don't they go all the way and feel sorry for other law violators who are similarly treated?

It is our sincere hope and the wish of every worker in this city that council pass this ordinance. It is the least council can do for labor in Toledo.

Political Action

In their meeting of last Tuesday night, delegates from 19 CIO local unions representing in excess of 50,000 workers in Toledo, gave indication that they realized the necessity for united political action.

If the sentiments expressed by the CIO representatives are any indication of the feelings of the rank and file, and there are many reasons to believe the rank and file are aroused, this year's election will mark the return of labor to real political power.

The way along the path of political comeback for labor is not going to be easy, but the workers can win a great victory if they will unite themselves into one solidified and politically conscious organization.

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

SOMETHING WORTHWHILE

Clayton Fountain, whose easy-to-read column appears weekly on this page, recently asked me to devote a few lines to a subject that's quite near and dear to his heart. And the pleasure is all mine. It concerns a movement even greater than the labor movement itself, for if the program were supported as it should be, the cause for labor unions—greedy ownership—would be eliminated at the roots.

Edward J. Duck

Wouldn't you patronize your own grocery store, if you owned one? And if the profits from your nearby gas station were returned to you, you wouldn't deal elsewhere, would you? If you owned an apple orchard you wouldn't go to the fruit store for apples.

And if you worked in your own store with your partners in business, you would be able to vote yourselves pay increases, too!

SERIOUS BUSINESS

Now if this sounds silly to you, just wipe that smile off your face, because it is serious business and true as can be. I am speaking of something which the United States government supports and encourages, and the program isn't communistic either.

One-seventh of the world's commerce is carried on through consumers' cooperatives. Sweden is one country which is practically 100 per cent cooperative, and they don't have depressions nor recessions either.

"The important fact about a cooperative is that the customers own it," according to co-op literature. And one of the best features is that no matter how much stock you own in the co-op, you still carry only one vote—and that sounds like democracy at its peak!

While we're all wailing and sobbing about prices being sky high, with the Little Steel Formula and reactionary governmental bureaus holding down our wages, we're shooting at the sparrows and watching the elephants go by.

But who's going to start it?

As a matter of fact, it has been started a long time ago, and spread throughout the world, extending from England to Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland, to name a few countries where it has been strongly established.

The Rochdale Cooperative is an institution whose history captures the imagination of anyone who looks into it. Our government has spent millions in educating the people in the cooperative movement, particularly in the western part of the United States.

Why should you give your money to a stranger whose only regard for you is his love for your dollars? In Local 12 alone there are 35,000 members who earn a total of $2,000,000 weekly. What if even one-tenth of us were to spend $10 per week in collective buying?

IN TOLEDO

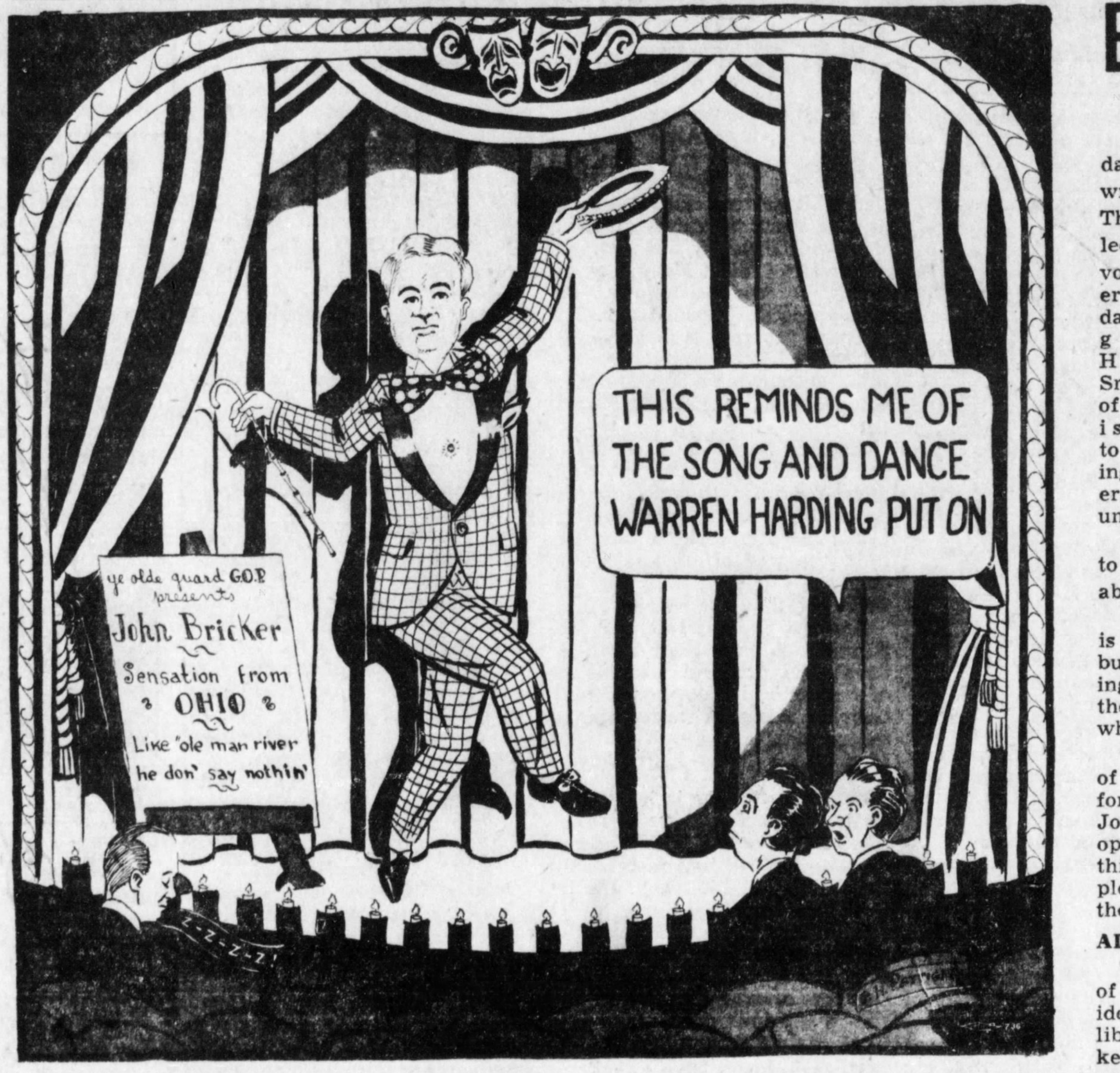
As a matter of fact, we have a consumers' cooperative right here in Toledo, where a small band of men and women with vision have given generously of their time and effort trying to help the working people combat those who are bleeding them year in and year out, exploiting the fact that human beings require nourishment to survive.

Walter Reuther, National UAW Vice President, recently exposed the dirty work of our national food combines which fought subsidies in order to effect an immediate eight per cent rise in food costs. This grocery monopoly is one of the most vicious in the world, and the surest way of protecting the consuming public is by the formation of consumers' cooperatives whereby the customers themselves make the profits from their purchases.

We talk about "grade labeling," but the only place you'll find it is in the cooperative grocery stores. We are being cheated daily by fancy trade names—every housewife can attest to this fact, and every breadwinner is paying through the nose and forced to like it.

Wake up, fellow workers, and vote yourselves a raise by reducing your cost of living through the consumers' cooperative movement. Let's form a committee to investigate the picture, so that we can buy things wholesale and cut out the middleman's profit. Don't throw your money away, because after the war you'll need it. The consumers' cooperative movement is the answer to the challenge we'll soon face!

Prophet of Profits By Pettigrew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It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

SOME FUN

Congress certainly had a Roman holiday with the President's veto of the tax bill, didn't it? Some fun for the politicians, eh- kiddies?

Now that the veto message has been boted around, now that "Dear Alben" Barkley has staged his one-man rebellion for his own political buildup; now that the daily press and the congressional big mouths have run off the typewriters and at the face, the workers of this country are going to be given the opportunity to show their patriotism by trying to pay for the war, profits and all.

O. J. Pecord

When the President referred to the tax bill as "relief for the greedy at the expense of the needy," he wasn't kidding. Wait until the Ides of March, 1945, and we poor working stiffs are going to realize the full meaning of the President's veto message.

And don't worry, kiddies, you won't even have to wait until next March. You'll soon be paying higher prices for that little drink of liquor you like to sneak in before you go home to the little lady. You'll soon find the tax hitting you in other places; but whatever you do, don't let out a word, because if you do, somebody is going to ask you, "Hey, you, don't you want to win the war? Ain't you patritoic?"

WE DOOD IT

Look, folksies, we are going to pay for the war. Haven't we always paid for our wars? Who else is there to pay for wars but the people who fight them? And we are the ones who do the fighting, the blood letting and the dying in all wars.

What has labor done in this war? According to the press, all we have done is strike. Forget all about the tanks, ships, planes, guns, ammunition and food the workers have produced to arm, equip, transport, feed and maintain the fighting forces in the combat zones scattered all over the world.

Forget all about the millions of workers who have left their jobs, homes and families to fight for liberty, the four freedoms, the Atlantic Charter, or, if you want to remember it, to make the world safe for democracy.

Never mind the millions of dollars that millions of workers have spent purchasing bonds in order that war production might continue and the profits of the industrialists be raised from a paltry four billions of dollars in 1939 to a measly eight billion last year.

Let's not mention the thousands of workers who have given their blood to the blood banks and donated thousands upon thousands of dollars to the Red Cross.

Let's not discuss the millions of dollars that the workers have paid in taxes without a murmur and then stop there and ask, "Just what has labor done for the war effort?" You ask it, I'm too disgusted to even try to answer it.

YOUR TAXES

Have you ever noticed how good the big people of the country are to us? Isn't it delightful how willing they are for us to shoulder the entire cost of the war as long as their profits can remain free from exertion in aiding in maintaining the necessary expenses of their government in wartime?

And doesn't it strike you as being mighty funny that the only time "Dear Alben" Barkley rose to his feet in his make-believe wrath to tear down the President, was when it looked like some of the profits of the big shots might be endangered and taken away from them to aid the country in one of its most trying times?

"Dear Alben!" What a pious fraud he is, turning on the man who put him where he is today, with a "resignation" which he certainly knew would not be accepted, or if accepted, would find him re-elected to his same senatorial position! What a show! What a shame! What a sham!

HOW ABOUT US?

And so, we discover that after the smoke and malarkey has all been cleared away, the tax bill goes into effect by virtue of congress overriding the Presidential veto, and the big shots and their precious profits are safe. Raise the banner of "free enterprise" on high. Liberty is safe—safe for the industrialists! It's a great world after all!

But what about us? What about the workers who toil and sweat and pay? Well, you're working, ain't you? What more do you want? You got a job! You're making money, and besides, we can't afford to have inflation.

Maybe profits will be higher in 1944 than they were in 1943. It looks that way now. Perhaps you won't have the cost of living stabilized by congress, but after all, you're spending too much money anyhow. What's the big idea of a working stiff demanding T-bone steaks? Don't you know that when too many people have enough money to live decently that there isn't enough to go around? Haven't you ever heard of the law of supply and demand?

At any rate, the tax bill is law, and the workers of the country won't need to worry about anything except paying their taxes. The War Labor Board has frozen your wages, remember? And, of course, the cost of living has only increased 15 per cent, the amount of the raise which was so generously given you.

Oh, well! Think nothing of it! After all, this is the era when the greedy and not the needy are important, and congress has proved it. You'll pay and like it!

Soldiers' Letters

February 22, 1944

Mr. Richard Gosser:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am fine and I hope this letter finds you the same.

I have been receiving my gift boxes and I appreciate them very much. I share all of them with some of my buddies and they really think that I have been working for a swell outfit.

I just can't wait till the rest of the boys of the Willys and I come back and hope to work for them again. I still have my Willys Jeep and it really takes a beating. I've been on this job for 14 months and I used the same Jeep since I started. I drive on an average of 160 miles a night and its all desert roads and I don't care how fast I drive, it sure can take it. I'm expecting a furlough the 1st of April and I'm hoping to see you and all the fellow members.

Well I guess I'll close for this time and I'm thanking the fellows for the cooperation they are giving us fellows in the service. I remain,

Fraternally yours,
Cpl. Eugene J. Siedlecki,
ASN 15374420
321st Hdq. & Hdq. Sqdn.
Deming Field, N. Mexico.

February 14, 1944

Dear Brother Gosser:

I received your Christmas letter today and the boys and I wish to thank you for the encouragement on our part. We are happy to know that the people back home realize we are not on a picnic here.

The Italians treat us good, and we get enough smokes, so I don't have any wishes, problems or worries other than the wish to get this over in a hurry and get home. My only worry is to keep alive!

Pvt. Steven Pecsenye,
Reg. H. Q. Co. 7th Inf.
A. P. O. 3, c/a P. M.
New York, N. Y.

Editor's Mail

Thanks Ed. Duck

Dear Sir:

I want to extend my thanks to Eddie Duck for the fine support which he extended me as a candidate for secretary of the Auto-Lite Unit during our recent election.

Although I was unsuccessful I want to thank those who voted for me, and congratulate those who elected Howard Cutcher Unit chairman.

Our success in electing some of our people to office is very definitely a tribute to Duck's efforts in our behalf. Every member of the Auto-Lite Unit who is interested in good unionism should be proud of Eddie and should strive to show the same courageous spirit which he displayed in his efforts to secure representation which would faithfully carry out its trust.

There are a large number of members who assume a passive attitude toward their union—they pay their dues but never bother to attend a meeting.

In order to have a good committee people must take interest in their Union.

It is my belief that if this group were aroused from their lethargy the confused state of affairs could be eliminated, and the result would be a better, stronger union, one which management would be forced to respect.

If such a program were promoted in Duck's column and in the JOURNAL and followed up with an educational meeting at intervals of every few weeks and handled by Duck in his capable manner, I am certain there would be no question as to its ultimate success.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Covey,
Auto-Lite Unit
Plant No. 25

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

George Washington's birthday is an appropriate time to write on the topic of liberty. The tall Virginia farmer who led our Revolution was as devoted to liberty in his day as Congressman Howard Smith, also of Virginia, is devoted to liberating employers from unionism.

Clayton W. Fountain

We need to talk a lot about liberty these days.

The war we are fighting is primarily a war for liberty, but we have some folks fighting on our side who have their own pet notions about what liberty means.

There is Mr. Eric Johnston of the Chamber of Commerce, for instance. Liberty, in Mr. Johnston's language, means opportunity for the rich to do things as they damn well please—and the devil take the dissenters.

ALSO MARTIN DIES

There is also Martin Dies of Texas. He has his own ideas about liberty. To him liberty means poll-taxes to keep the poor from voting, and headlines carrying his lies about labor across the front pages of the press.

There is Colonel McCormick of Chicago. His notion of liberty is centered in the peculiar idea that labor unions and government—not Hitler and Fascism—comprise the major threats to the American way of life.

Then there is Mr. Hearst of California. He, too, insists on his liberty to demand the destruction of labor unions and government bureaucrats and professors who put their faith in books and ideas.

And, of course, all these famous libertarians have their followers. We have all kinds of people who believe that liberty is a fine thing—except for the Jews—except for the Negroes—except for the labor unions—and except for the professors who go to work for the government.

LABOR DRAFT

We also have among us in America those who believe that the way to fight for liberty is to pass a National Service Act for the purpose of drafting labor.

And, in another corner, we have those ardent believers in liberty who insist that the road to peace and liberty lies in the direction of killing all the Japs and Germans. These seem to agree with the Nazi notion of liberty, which is based on the killing of all Jews, Poles, Czechs and Russians.

Well, what is the meaning of liberty, anyway? What was the goal toward which Washington, Jefferson, Paine and the other Founding Fathers pointed the feet of this nation?

Certainly, it is not any of the cock-eyed conceptions of liberty outlined above.

LOVE OF LIBERTY

Those who posses a genuine love of liberty are neither reactionary rightists nor totalitarian leftists. They are the believers in human rights, spiritual rights and economic justice.

Liberty is the right of human beings to rule themselves and work out their own destiny.

Liberty does not look at the color of the skin of those who kneel at the altar of freedom.

Liberty reserves the right of the non-conformist to speak his piece, to get in his two-bits worth.

Liberty permits workers to quit their jobs, singly or in unison, to protest against slavish working conditions.

Liberty should protect the people against the autocracy of private wealth, as well as against the tyrannies of government.

Liberty is not a blue-print of yesterday or tomorrow; it is an open mind, ready to fit itself to the changes which come into the world with the passage of time.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

CUTBACKS

Through the labor press and various unions, news comes to us about cutbacks in some sections of the country which is throwing thousands of people out of work.

This was predicted by President Philip Murray of the CIO weeks ago, and does more to show up the people who were seeking to make it appear that production was falling behind because of the strikes which were played up in the daily press and by the news commentators on the radio.

Richard Gosser

It does seem peculiar to me and to others in the ranks of labor, that if the workers have shirked their jobs and done as much striking as they have been accused of doing, that production has reached the point where our government can cut down its spending for equipment and materials.

WHIP UP SPIRIT

While plants in St. Louis and other sections of the country are forced to lay off their workers because of lack of contracts, speakers still go around the country urging the workers to produce more. They are very capable speakers, men who can appeal to the emotions and sentiments of the workers.

When I observe this business of orators touring the nation and speaking in war plants to whip up the spirits of the workers, I can't help but wonder what more the employers expect of mere men and women. I suspect the motives of those who bring in these eloquent talkers, and the talkers themselves. I believe the workers are just as suspicious of these people as I am.

What good purpose is served by trying to get more work out of people who have already given so much effort that the government has its orders ahead of schedule in many instances, and is able to hold back additional contracts because it knows the productive ability of the workers?

GOVERNMENT FIGURES

Government figures certainly are not handed out to show up either industrial management or labor in a false light. The figures which have been released on production show that labor has nearly approached perfection in its ability to turn out the goods of war, and no one can dispute these figures because they are accurate and unbiased.

Despite the production figures, despite the record which labor has made during the war, we still are hearing and reading about strikes. We still are forced to listen to a lot of bunk which is supposed to make the workers feel ashamed of themselves—for what, I do not know. Labor is not ashamed of its production record, and if it has had a few strikes here and there at different times during the war, it is because most of them were aggravated by the employers.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any worker who is awake, that management has actually tried to irritate the workers into taking drastic action. Naturally, the employers are not blamed. They are handled very carefully by the press and made to appear as being more sinned against than sinning. But the workers—well, you read the papers and know what I mean.

Our only hope is that we will be able to finish this war soon, and the sooner the better, because we of labor are anxious to resume where we left off, and once again stand on our feet and fight our own battles with those who now take advantage of our pledge not to strike.

Three Groups

By Melvin M. Schultz,
President Local 12, UAW-CIO

One would conclude from most discussions of the war and working conditions that there were three groups directly involved in labor management relations. The general impression is that the employers constitute one class, the workers the second class, and thirdly, that vague but by far the largest class, the public.

Melvin Schultz

It is to the effect upon the welfare of the public that our attention is repeatedly called in discussions of labor disputes. This conception was not born with the war and the no strike pledge but has always been the official position of all news commentators since the beginning of unionism.

WHO IS INVOLVED

It is worth our while then to look into this matter and determine how many basicly different social groups are really involved in labor disputes and just how large a percentage of the public labor comprises.

First, what constitutes the employer class? This is not too difficult to determine as they of course comprise those individuals who have a large enough share in the ownership of the national productive plant, that is the means of production, that they could live without working if they so desired.

It goes without saying that this is only a small proportion of the population.

The mebers of the laboring class are those people who find it necessary to work in order to live. This class is obviously the vast majority.

Now if these two classes are removed (for the purpose of our discussion) from the population, what have we left? A very small group indeed. We cannot include the self employed because they work for a living and are therefore workers. Surely a class of people who neither own enough of the productive plant to live without having to work, nor find it necessary to work in order to live must be a very small group.

LOOSE TERM

In view of the above analysis, the argument that between the owners and the workers is a vast group loosely called the public, who have a direct stake in labor relations, but are not members of either class, just doesn't hold water.

We can safely conclude then that labor comprises the vast majority of the population, and what is good for labor is therefore good for the welfare of the entire population.

This raises the question of why labor does not have a majority in the legislative halls, both national and state. This question will be dealt with in future columns, as will various phases of the social security program and the post-war program of the UAW-CIO.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

AN 'ACTOR'S ACTOR'; STILL THE CHAMP!

An actor's actor.

That is the way friends describe Francis Lederer who appears in the dual role of Manuel and Esteban in Benedict Bogeaus' production, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," coming soon to Loew's Valentine Theatre through United Artists release.

From the very beginning of his career, Lederer was helped along the way by fellow actors. His first acting assignment, for instance, came through the good offices of an actor-friend who wanted the same part for himself but who nevertheless suggested Francis for the role.

His initial success was so marked that news of his talent reached the ears of the great producer-director, the late Max Reinhardt. Reinhardt, always on the hunt for new talent, saw Francis in action and immediately offered him the role of Romeo opposite Elizabeth Bergner in the famed Shakespearean love tragedy. Francis naturally was anxious to accept but his own agent insisted on the right to start his protegee off. He refused to free Lederer to work for Reinhardt.

Place Newspaper Ad

And then a truly amazing thing happened. Victor Francen and Albert Basserman, two of Europe's greatest actors, when hearing of Francis' plight immediately placed an ad on the front page of the town's leading daily, calling upon the agent to free Lederer from the contract so he rgaid accept the part with Reinkard. The agent replied the d J. day, outlining his reasons for refusal. And then Reinhardt wrote a letter explaining his position.

This controversy raged on the front page of the paper for months. Finally the agent yielded and Francis was on his way to glory, and his present high position in the theatre and on the screen. This is the first, and probably last time, in the history of the theatre that fellow-actors fought to get another actor one of the most coveted roles in the whole theatre.

Francis plays a difficult part; that of twins who are as dissimilar in character as they are alike in physical structure. He must project the idea of a psychic attraction between two men . . . and do it intelligently and strongly. This he accomplishes magnificently.

Francis plays opposite Lynn Bari, who portrays the exotic and glamorous Perichole. The other co-star of this great trio of stars is the veteran character actor, Akim Tamiroff. Louis Calhern is seen as the Viceroy and Alla Nazimova gives one of her truly great performances as the Marquesa.

But fellow-actors are keeping their eyes on Lederer. He has always been one of their favorites.

Hi, Joan!

JOAN THORSEN graduated from magazine covers to the jumping gelatines.

Hearts and Flowers Story

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (FP) — Over coffee and cigars, President Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce discussed war and post-war problems with President William McFetridge of the Building Service Employes International Union (AFL) and Secretary-Treasurer Victor A. Olander of the Illinois Federation of Labor.

"Johnston is a very able gentleman," McFetridge told Federated Press later. He would not comment on reports that the employer and union representatives had reached agreement on key problems of post-war adjustment.

On leaving, Johnston was quoted as saying: "Gentlemen, I've had conferences with kings and presidents, but never in my life have I enjoyed a discussion as much as I did this one."

NAM ORGANIZES UNORGANIZED—HAW!

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (FP) —With the announced aim of building national unity, organized bankers, railroad companies, manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the AFL, CIO, farm organizations and others got together in one room for a conference on postwar problems called by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

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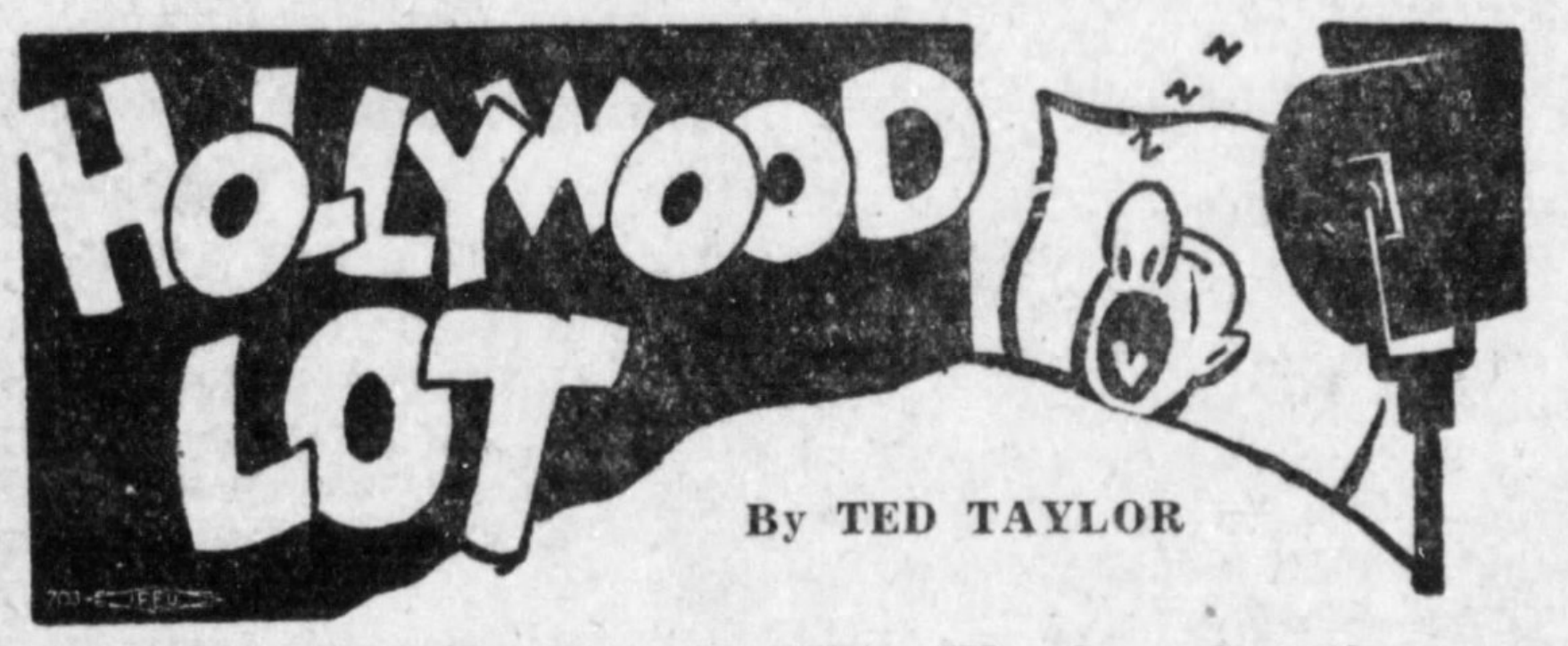
CRISP-DELICIOUS
POTATO CHIPS
Keep them on hand to prepare a snack for unexpected guests. Non-fattening

GET A CARTON AT YOUR GROCER'S TODAY

Wears It In The Water, Too

BATHING SUITS in Hollywood are usually "old stuff" but Esther Williams' trim aquatic ensemble practically got her a movie contract when she was a national swimming champ. It's rumored that Esther will perform some aquatics in "Mr. Co-Ed" her next M-G-M picture in which she plays opposite Red Skelton.



By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 28 (FP)—Wonder what the army thinks about the rookie privates drawing $350 a week—or more than double the pay of a United States general? One of them is Pvt. Donald O'Connor, a February inductee.

Universal believes Don will be a postwar movie star and is paying him $350 a week during his army service to insure his return to the studio as soon as he is discharged. (The K. P. that boy is in for!)

Another will be Frank Latimore, 18 and 1-A. He was tied up by 20th Century-Fox to a contract starting at $350 a week in full appreciation of his imminent drafting.

Hollywood is reaching out avidly for new talent, youngsters who can become tomorrow's movie stars. The studios are signing up photographic models and radio singers, young stage actors and night club singers. And the scouts are not overlooking war plants.

War Workers New Movie Finds

Byron Barr is a young defense worker signed by Paramount. Lou Harding, girl truck driver, has a Universal contract. Robert Sully, industrial engineer, is an MGM find. His first part is the astronomer in Heavenly Body with Hedy Lamarr.

This week's $18 messenger boy may be next week's $500 contract player. That's the case of Richard Jaeckel at 20th-Fox.

Jerry Shane, MGM messenger, joined the marines and was wounded at Guadalcanal. On discharge did he get his old job back? Not by a long shot. Instead MGM put him to work as an actor in "See Here, Private Hargrove." He did OK and next got a part in "America", industrial epic by King Vidor.

THAT BIBLICAL LOOK. It's hard to find Hollywood actors who look as if they might have lived 1900 years ago. Frank Ross sent scout to Mexico to seek humans and landscapes that look like biblical times for "The Robe" (RKO). MGM has similar ideas for "Quo Vadis."

Protests May Change Policy

CABIN HANDICAP. MGM may not be so stubborn about filming Uncle Tom's Cabin as 20th-Fox is about Rickenbacker. MGM received unfavorable comments from Negro and liberal groups on the Uncle Tom idea—and probably also from the export censor.

THERE IS SOME MORE. Ethel Barrymore has agreed to appear in another movie. (Last was Rasputin 12 years ago.) She will support Cary Grant in "None But The Lonely Heart." This will be an RKO film directed by Clifford Odets.

BLINDERS FOR THE BOYS. Congress is worried because soldiers may learn from movies and radio what goes on at home. Ohio's Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R.) wants a congressional committee to censor films made by the army.

BEST BET. "Tender Comrade" (RKO). A simple story about five women war workers. A warm human document of the home front.

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BEHIND GET-CHAPLIN MOVE

CLOSING IN. The get-Chaplin clique in its glee at his indictment may blurt out the real motives for discrediting the actor-producer. One incautious comment (Hollywood Reporter) "David Selznick's chances of acquiring the Chaplin interests in United Artists are better now."

SQUAWK ON SQUEALS. Frank Sinatra has suppressed (he hopes) the ghostly girlish wailing that punctuates his radio singing. At the start of his broadcast the other day he addressed his assembled admirers to this effect: "Any more squeals—no more audiences."

Lawyers For Soldiers Vote

WASHINGTON (FP)—Enactment of the Green-Lucas federal ballot bill was urged on house and senate conferees considering soldier vote legislation by the National Lawyers' Guild.

In letters to conferees Sen. Theodore Green (D., R.I.), Sen. Warren Austin (R., Vt.) and Rep. Eugene Worley (D., Tex.), the guild said their firm leadership was needed to defeat Rep. John Rankin's (D., Tex.) efforts to deprive members of the armed forces of their opportunity to vote.

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Stars Of Tomorrow!

By Ethel Vine

Chill Wills is one of Hollywood's most versatile character actors. He has played cowboys, oil-drillers, aviators, and a various assortment of comics during his screen career which began in 1938 when he was given a part in a western called "Lawless Valley." Previously the actor had toured the country in tent shows, minstrels, stock, burlesque and vaudeville. He was playing in a Hollywood night club when he was signed for pictures.

Currently he is appearing in the M-G-M Technicolor musical, "Best Foot Forward" starring Lucille Ball and Wililam Gaxton. It is based on the George Abbott Broadway hit.

Wills hails originally from Seagoville, Texas, where he was born one hot July day and appropriately named Chill. He was the youngest of half a dozen husky sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wills.

He started on his acting career when he was in his early teens by joining a traveling troupe of troubadors. He says his subsequent varied experience gained in all kinds of entertainment equipped him for the screen.

When he is not working, Wills likes to fish or hunt. He also enjoys raising chickens on his ranch at Toluca Lake, where he lives with his wife and small daughter, Jill.

His pictures include "Boom Town," "The Westerner," "Billy the Kid," "Honky Tonk," "Apache Trail," "Stand By For Action," and "A Stranger in Town." Following "Best Foot Forward," he is scheduled for "See Here, Private Hargrove," based on Marion Hargrove's hilarious description of life in an army camp.

Hollywood Bridle Path

ANN RICHARDS keeps up the riding skill she acquired in her native Australia where she galloped through many a movie "down under." Ann makes her American film debut in M-G-M's "America" with Brian Donlevy.

GOP Warming Up For 1945

WASHINGTON, D. C. (FP)—Pricked by Sen. Alben Barkley's (D. Ky) rift with the President, Republican self-confidence leaped skyward Feb. 24 as senate GOP members held a conference to name minority leaders.

Described by Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R. Mich.) as a "warmup for 1945", the conference was the first full reorganization of the minority since 1936. Reelected without opposition as minority leader was Charles McNary (Ore.) .Wallace H. White (R. Me.) was elected acting minority leader due to McNary's illness, Vandenberg was named conference vice chairman, Keenth S. Wherry (Neb.) was appointed party whip, and appointment of a 9-member committee was authorized.

UAW Wins Equal Pay

CHICAGO (FP)—$600,000 in back pay and wage increases were won by 1.000 women at the General Motors Corp. Buick plant in Chicago as a result of an equal pay for equal work victory of Local 6, United Auto Workers (CIO). Individual retroactive pay will run as high as $750.

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'Where Are Your Children?' Strong Crime Wave Drama

One of the year's most important motion pictures will open an engagement March 8 at the Palace Theatre and is going to prove anew that no other medium equals the screen in the forceful presentation of the facts of a situation. The picture is "Where Are Your Children?", an absorbing drama of startling intensity, produced by Monogram and concerning itself with the serious problem of juvenile delinquency. It qualifies as the ultimate in fast-moving entertainment, and also as a savage indictment of present-day conditions. In its later sequences, it points the way to a cure.

Jackie Cooper is starred in this outstanding film, and gives a performance of the type which long ago established him as one of the screen's most talented juveniles. But the player who literally "steals" the picture is Gale Storm, a pretty Texas girl whose surprising emotional depth marks her surely as an important star of tomorrow. Others who do fine work are Patricia Morison, as a juvenile probation officer; John Litel, as a kindly judge; Gertrude Michael, as Gale's nagigng sister-in-law; Betty Blythe, as the society-minded mother of Jackie; Addison Richards, as head of the probation department; and Evelyn Eaton, as an uncontrollable, wayward girl.

Typical Juvenile Story

In the story, Gale accompanies her new-found friend, Jackie, to a night club for an evening which begins innocently enough, but which ends by bringing her to the attention of Miss Morison. Later, after Jackie joins the Navy, the lonely Gale is drawn into an automobile trip with wild young companions, and finds herself involved in a murder case. Thus begins a series of events which are moving and highly dramatic.

Altogether, "Where Are Your Children?" is a forceful and essentially valuable presentation of a problem which becomes increasingly serious. From every standpoint, it is an exceptional motion picture.

William Nigh is to be credited with skillful and understanding direction, and Producer Jeffrey Bernerd has achieved most successful results in all departments of production. The original story by Hilary Lynn was cleverly adapted for the screen by the author and George W. Sayre, and the camera work by Mack Stengler and Ira Morgan is in full accord with the general excellence of the film.

A Jack And Two Queens

HE HAS "OPENERS" with a pair of queens like the Wilde Twins who are said to be responsible for some of the confusion in Mickey Rooney's new M-G-M picture, "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble."

Slips?

Eddie Cantor's famous song containing the famous words, "Bananas are cheaper," are nothing but salt in the wounds of the poor belabored prop man whose task it was to get some of the fleshy fruit for scenes in "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," coming soon to Valentine Theatre through United Artists release.

The locale of the story is Lima, Peru, where bananas are plentiful; but unfortunately there are none in America—as everyone must know by now.

The poor prop man after searching for days managed to find a few of the fruit which could be used effectively for some scenes. But the cast, which had not seen the yellow beauties for months, immediately requisitioned them... for keeps.

Now the same prop man is scouring the market again. . .

Probably to the tune of another old favorite..."Yes We Have No Bananas!"

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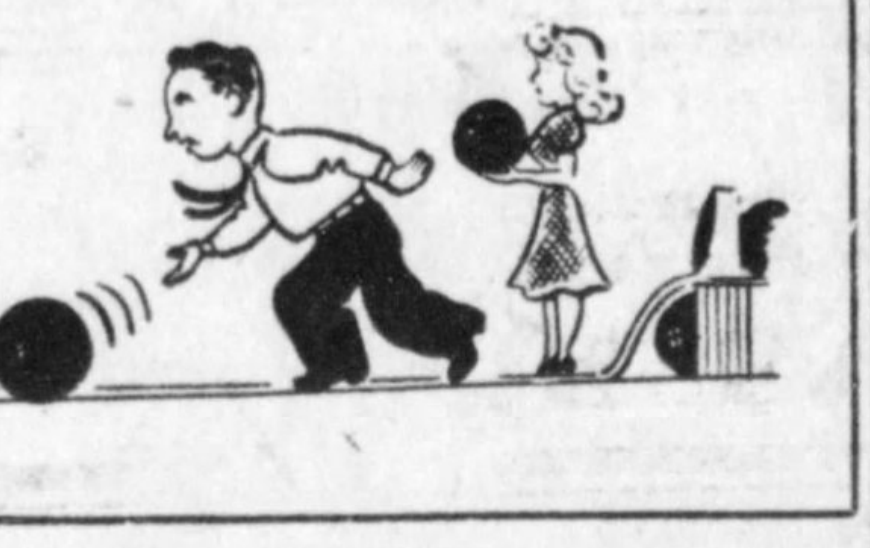

Courtesy A. B. C.

MORE SPLITS

In chart No. 38 we show the 4-5-7 split which is left up generally following a weak or thin hit. The spare ball is often between the 4 and 5 pin with the 7 left standing because the 4 is hit so thin that it rebounds off the kickback without touching the 7. If, however, one is fortunate enough to strike the 5 lightly and the 4 a trifle more full so that it goes to the kickback toward the 7, it oftentimes carries the 7 off. Even the most proficient bowler will find this leave difficult to convert into a spare at all times, although he may fit the ball between the 4 and 5 pins. This leave, being on the left-hand side of the alley, should be rolled at from the right of the center of the alley.

No. 39 presents the same problem but here the hook bowler must definitely move to either the center or the left half of the approach in order to bowl at the spare from the proper angle. The straight ball bowler can bowl at this leave from near his strike spot, but would have a greater advantage if he started his ball at least a trifle to the left of the spot from which he starts his strike ball.

Leave No. 40 is far more difficult to convert into a spare than would seem to be the case. Here we have a combination of a tandem and a split with which to contend. The safest way to attack this leave is to have the ball strike the 2 pin almost full and have the 2 carry into both the 7 and 8 although it is made now and then by having the 2 take off the 8 and the ball following into the 7. A fairly slow ball which would permit the 2 pin to fall into somewhat of a horizontal position is advisable in order that the 2 pin cover a wider area than when struck with speed which would send it off in an upright position. This spare should at all times be bowled at from the right of the center of the alley.

When the 3-9-10 is left standing as shown on chart No. 41, the right-handed bowler must start his ball from the left of the center of the alley. The same general rule given for chart 40 applies here also. In this case, however, the ball can strike the 3 pin just a trifle to the left of the center — this depending a great deal on the type of delivery used. This spare is sometimes accidentally made by having the ball just touch the 3 pin on the right-hand side, the ball then going through and fitting between the 9 and 10 pins. There is a remote chance of striking the 3 pin on the left-hand side causing it to go to the kickback and rebound full into the 10 and the 10 knocking the 9 over to the left, but neither 40 or 41 should be played in this manner at any time.

DODO SPLIT

Chart No. 42 shows what is called a "dodo split," the "dogleg" and the "washout" in various bowling centers. This is generally left by just missing the headpin on the right-hand side when rolling a hook ball. It can be made in two ways, but in both instances the head-pin must be struck on the left side, the ball carrying through into the 2 pin and the head-pin going either directly to the 10 pin or to the kickback and rebounding onto the 10 pin. It is in no manner as difficult as the 5-10, although many bowlers apparently believe this to be the case.

Chart No. 43 shows the 4-7-9 leave. Although the chart shows that this leave should be attacked from the left-hand side of the alley, it may in reality be bowled at from any spot at the foul line. However, the hook ball bowler should nevertheless bowl at it from somewhere to the left of the strike spot. In order to convert this into a spare, the 4 pin must definitely strike the 9. The angle here is identical with that between the 5 and 10 pins.

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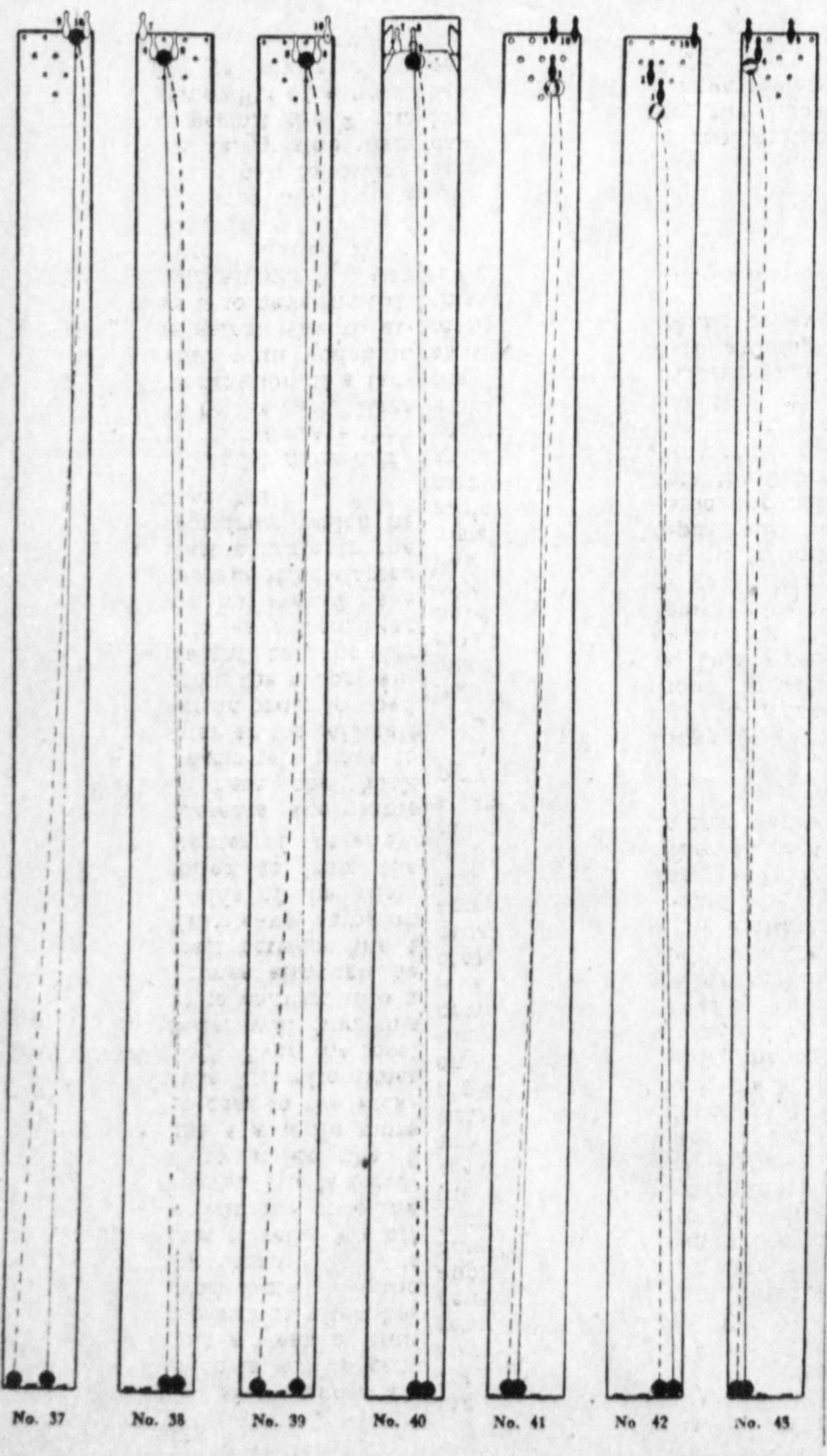

No. 37 No. 38 No. 39 No. 40 No. 41 No. 42 No. 43

House Passes CCC Bill Without Subsidy Ban

WASHINGTON (FP) — Following senate approval the previous day, the house Feb. 24 passed the Commodity Credit Corp. bill extending the life of the agency until June 30, 1945.

Responsible for the smooth passage of the bill was omission of a rider banning use of subsidies, which was vetoed twice by the President.

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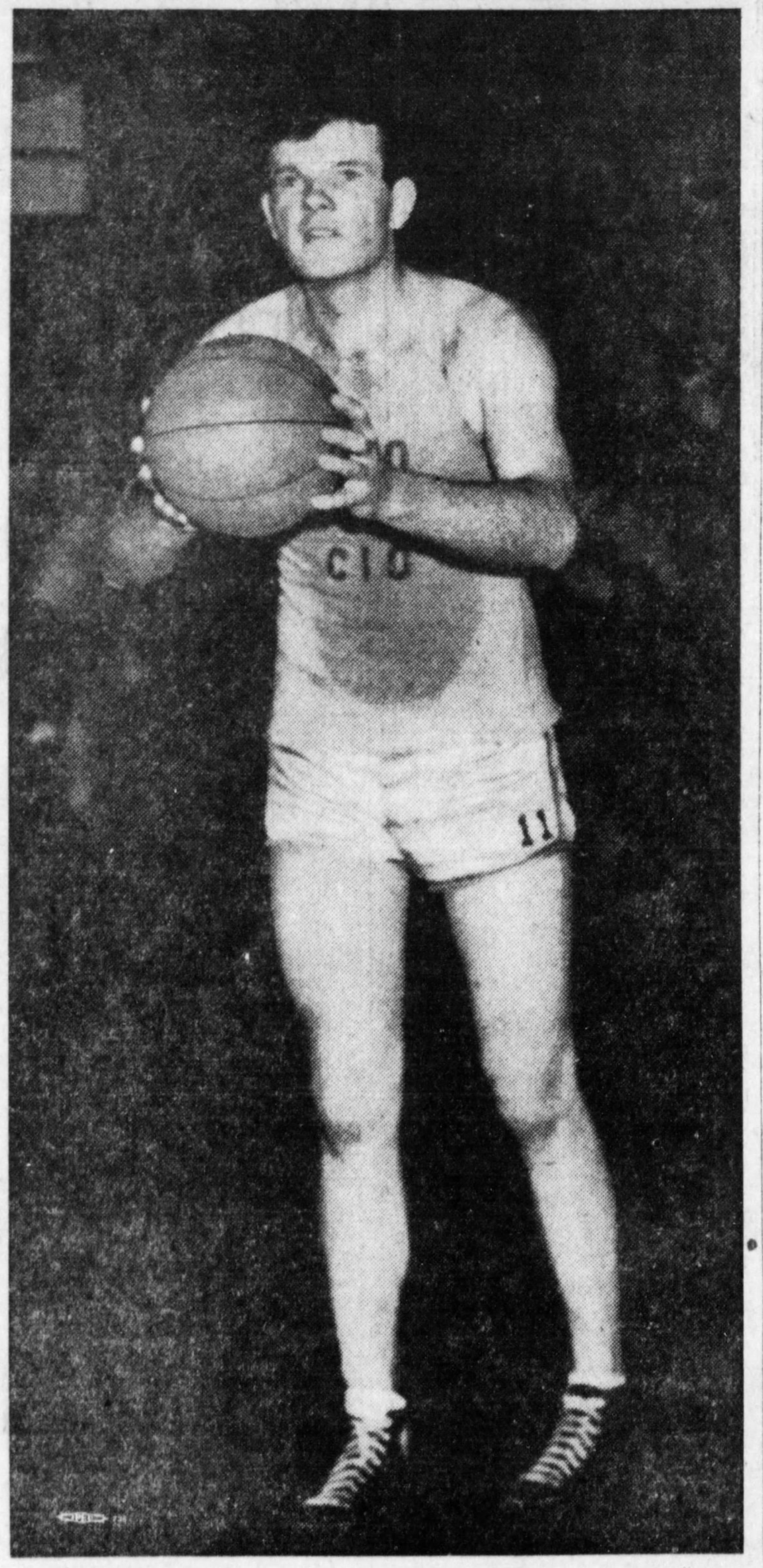

When Frank Hlubik of dept. 103, Willys-Overland leaves for the Navy soon, the Willys basketball five will lose one of its outstanding players. Frank played center this year and did a swell job on the jump position. He is going to be a radio technician. If Frank performs for the Navy as he did at Willys and on the team, Uncle Sam will be getting a good sailor.

New Department Is Suggested

COLUMBUS, Feb. 29—Creation of a new State Department of Conservation was suggested by Conservation Commissioner Don Waters recently. Mr. Waters advocated that the new department embrace all state agencies concerned with the conservation and development of Ohio's natural resources.

In making the change, Commissioner Waters stated that the present Division of Conservation should still be guided by a bi-partisan commission, as established in 1929, but suggested a greater representation of farmers, since, under the set-up it would become a division of a new State Department of Conservation, instead of a division of the Department of Agriculture.

Also, under the Waters plan, would be included divisions of forestry, the water supply board, the state geologist, a state parks board and the state soil conservation activities.

The change, which would require legislative action, Commissioner Waters stated is greatly needed in Ohio for a well-rounded, co-ordinated program of conserving and restoring the state's natural resources. "It is perfectly ridiculous to have them scattered in a number of different departments," he said

April Is Conservation Month

For the sixth successive year, April will be observed as Conservation Month in Ohio, Governor John W. Bricker has issued a proclamation calling attention to the important place which natural resources are playing in the prosecution of the War and will play in the rehabilitation period following the War. Each year the Governor has issued a proclamation setting aside the entire month of April as Conservation Month. The week of April 10-14 has been set aside as Conservation Week in the schools of Ohio, and the Governor's proclamation designates Friday, April 14, as Arbor and Bird Day.

Conservation Commissioner Don Waters urges that all conservation agencies in the State join with the Conservation Division in the observance of Conservation Month and in aiding the State Department of Education in calling attention to Conservation Week in the schools.

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Bowling Classic Is Scheduled

By Ed Mondy

Well here it is, fellow bowlers! Just what many of you have been looking forward to all year—the first annual UAW-CIO Local 12 Individual Classic, to be held at the Collingwood Bowl-O-Drome on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2.

There will be two classes, A and B. Bowlers whose highest league averages are 175 and under will be entered in class B. Bowlers with 176 and better will bowl in class A.

Four games will be rolled across eight alleys. The entry fee is $5 plus $1.50 for bowling, with a 100% return of entry money in prizes. Get your entries in early, because the field is limited to 144 places, 72 to each class.

For more detailed information as to the time of shifts, prizes and rules of bowling, read next week's Union Journal.

Standard League standing as of March 1, 1944:

	W.	L.
Standard Commutator	60	15
National Supply	58	17
Bingham Stamping	47	28
A. C. Klopping	38	37
Gordon Bumper	33	42
DeVilbiss	29	46
Mather Spring	22	53
Toledo Pressed Steel	13	63

All-Star League standing as of March 1, 1944:

	W.	L.
Willys Overland	68	7
Spicer Mfg.	52	23
Champion Spark Plug	43	32
Surface Combustion	39	36
National Supply	38	37
Acklin Stamping	34	41
Kent Owens	18	57
DeVilbiss	8	7

All-Star League

Kent Owens	848	894	760
Surf. Comb.	892	750	818
Spicer Mfg.	935	958	864
Willys-Over.	939	985	881
Ack. Stp.	835	815	869
Nat. Supply	851	883	955
Champ. S. P.	914	961	995
DeVilbiss	765	789	781

Walt Stick: 216, 202, 190—608.
Chas. Urbanski: 182, 227, 204 — 13.
John Shanders: 221, 203, 211 — 35.

Standard League

Bing. Stp.	922	874	913
Nat. Supply	997	757	948
Mather Spr.	857	901	870
A. C. Klopp	801	858	893
Tol. P. Steel	814	745	725
DeVilbiss	724	916	738
Std. Commu.	748	897	936
Gordon Bump.	733	850	851

Jim Hall, 609; Ollie Wisniewski, 626-233; Joe Biscay, 600-232; O Ouczarsoh, 201-201; R. Walton, 211-216; Cap Wekwert, 223; H. Vogel, 213; Jim Hall, 220; Harry Heldt, 234; Paul Steryling, 224.

Birds Like Free Eats

LANSING, Feb. 28—Pheasants enjoy eating at the free table provided by feeding stations and furnish much pleasure to their hosts, but they do not actually need the food, particularly in a winter with weather conditions like the present, the game division of the conservation department points out in answering inquiries about winter bird feeding.

The pheasant is a hardy, adaptable bird and very seldom requires special feeding in southern Michigan. Occasionally during heavy sleet storms a few pheasants may die from lack of food, but even this is doubtful, game men say. In a winter like this one, pheasants can find plenty of weed seeds, corn that has been left in the shock or dropped in the field, soy beans that have not been harvested and other crop residues to keep them well fed.

Labor Fights For Bargaining Guarantees

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., (FP)—Missouri labor—AFL, CIO and the railroad brotherhoods—chalked up an important victory when the labor committee of the constitutional convention, now in session here, recommended a constitutional guarantee of the right to organize for collective bargaining.

In addition the committee threw out a clause which would have banned a closed shop contract.

The collective bargaining proposal, sponsored by Pres. Reuben T. Wood of the Missouri Federation of Labor, a delegate to the convention, reads:

"There shall be no abridgement of the right of employes to join, organize or remain members of any bona fide labor organization and to exercise the right of collective bargaining through representatives of their own choosing; nor shall any employe be discriminated against for such labor union activity."

Another recommended provision guarantees to municipal, county or state employes the right to "belong to any fraternal or labor organization or to any creed, religious or political" and forbids discrimination against employes because of "union affiliation or religious or political belief."

After a bitter argument the convention's educational committee voted 9 to 8 to drop any reference to racial segregation in public schools. This action overturns a provision in the 1875 constitution that "separate free public schools shall be established for the education of children of African descent."

Closeness of the vote, however, foreshadows a hot debate when the recommendation comes out on the convention floor.

The Acklinite

by Lewis Mattox

INSTALLATION

We hope that there will be a large turnout at our Unit meeting, which takes place March 26. Newly elected officers of the Unit will be installed. It will be a lot of satisfaction to your new officers if you will turn out and see them obligated.

APPROVED

Vacation plan was approved at the Sunday meeting, Feb. 27 and will be taken to the War Labor Board for its okay. The vacation plan if it becomes effective, will be a substantial gain for the workers, but lets not build our hopes too high. After all, we know the WLB.

SHOP NEWS

Joe Lubinski and Ray Perry will soon leave for the armed service.

Ester Lewis has returned to work after a long illness. Glad to see you back Esther.

Anna Skolmoski is recovering in Toledo hospital from illness. Callers will be more than welcome.

Hattie Zwadek is recovering from a recent operation in the hospital.

The officers and members of the Unit want to extend their sympathy to William Leslie on the recent death of his mother.

If a couple of the foremen in our shop would pay more attention to learning how to get along with people instead of trying to connive, they would find their jobs would be a lot easier. Catch?

Agnes Geddes is the new floor lady on nights.

People are wondering who the corks are in the shop. The lads are ok but they ought to buy their own stuff.

Farmers' Trucks Bring Fresh Fo To War Plants

NEW ORLEANS (FP)—H something that ought to go pretty well anywhere.

Last summer a volunteer women's committee here, in cooperation with city authorities and farmers from the surrounding area, organized a Farmers Curb Market. It grew to the point where there was more food than the neighborhood could absorb. Then someone suggested that the surplus be taken direct to the workers.

As an experiment, a truck was sent with a mixed load to one of the Higgins ship plants at noon hour. Plant authorities announced its presence on the loudspeaker and busy men and women in overalls eagerly loaded up on fresh eggs and vegetables, near at hand and free from middlemen's prices.

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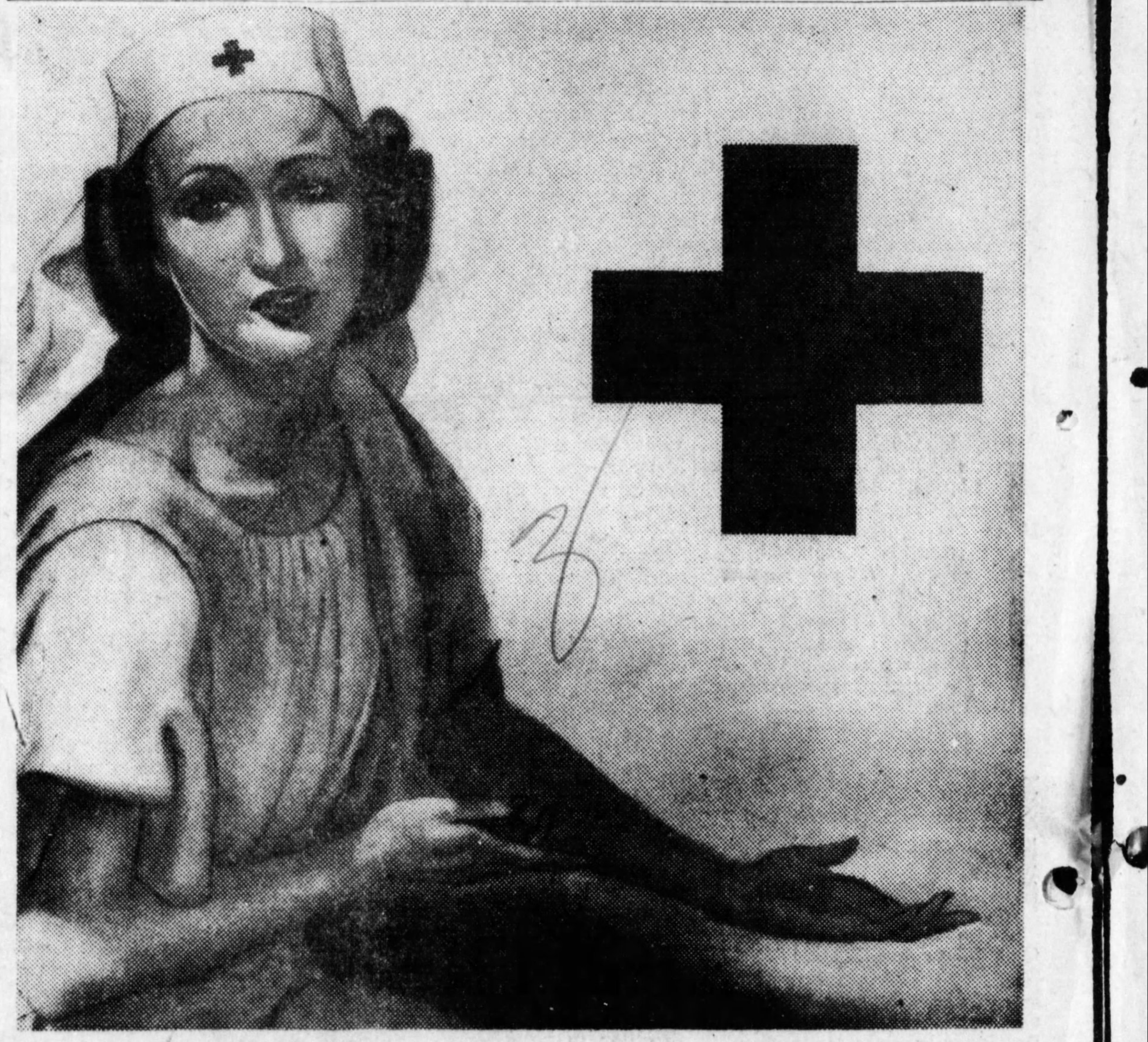

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